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Richardson Light Guard
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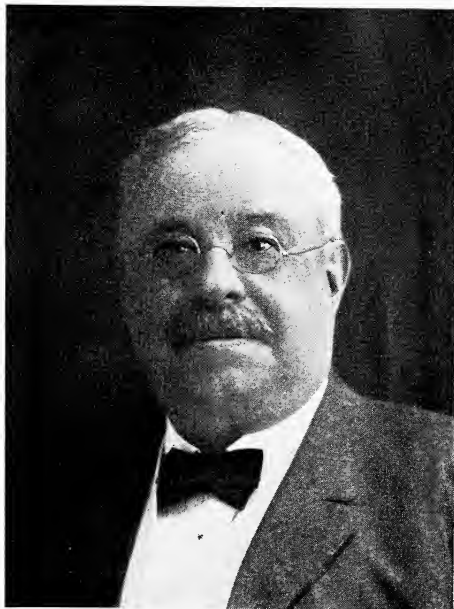
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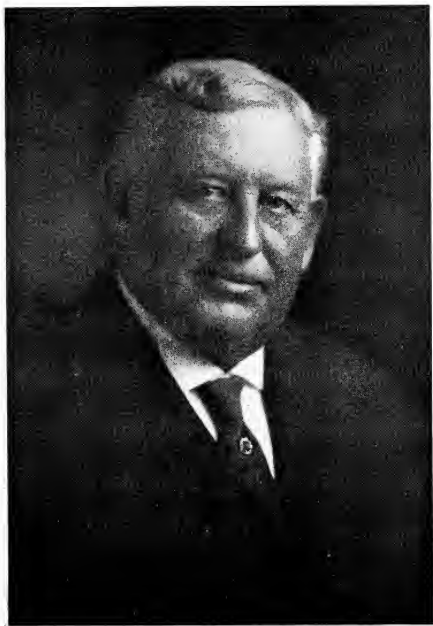
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MILITARY DESIGNATIONS OF THE RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD

Co. D, 7th Reg't Mass. Vol Militia,	1851—'55
Co. E, 7th Reg't Mass. Vol. Militia,	1855—'61
Co. B, 5th Reg't Mass. U. S. Vols., (3 mos.)	1861
Co. E, 7th Reg't Mass. Vol. Militia,	1861
Co. E, 50th Reg't Mass. U. S. Vol., (9 Mos.)	1862—'63
Co. E, 7th Reg't Mass. Vol. Militia,	1863
Co. E, 8th Reg't Mass. U. S. Vols., (100 Days)	1863—'64
Co. E., 8th Reg't Mass. Vol. Militia,	1864—'66
Co. A, 6th Reg't Mass. Vol. Militia	1866—'98
Co. A, 6th Reg't Mass. Inf. U. S. Vols.,	1898—'99
Co. A, 6th Reg't Mass. Vol. Militia,	1899—'01
Company A 6th Regt. Inf., M. V. M., to June, 1913.	

Note:

1913. The Dick Bill was passed by Congress and all State Militia became National Guard.

In 1916 a new dual oath was taken at time of Mexican trouble.

Company A 6th Regt. Inf., Mass. National Guard to Nov. 1917 (World War).

Company H 12th Regt. Mass. State Guard. During the World War.

Company A 6th Regt. Provisional (Reorganized) Sept. 1919.

Company K 9th Regt. Inf. National Guard to Oct. 1920

Company E 182nd Regt. Inf. National Guard, 1923 to

Company E 182nd Regt. Inf. National Guard, 1923 to date

INTRODUCTION

Few towns or cities in the United States of America, especially in the New England States where old institutions abound, number among such organizations a military unit possessing prestige equal to that of Wakefield's "ancient and honorable" Richardson Light Guard. None of these towns can produce a record of three-quarters of a century's continuous military activities more commendable than the conspicuous services rendered by this venerable organization.

The year 1926 marks the Diamond Jubilee of the brilliant, rare and invaluable career of the Richardson Light Guard, characteristic of the brilliancy, rarity and pricelessness of the precious gem that typifies the 75th milestone of Time.

Attainments incident to the Golden Anniversary were notable and valorous in themselves, marking half a century of highly important and thrilling events. Yet another quarter century's period has added new distinctions and additional encomiums in keeping with the inspiring example of patriotism, devotion, loyalty and service exemplified by young men of former days who have successively filled the ranks of the Richardson Light Guard for three generations.

No one could foretell, on October 11, 1851, the destinies of the newly formed military company in South Reading. It was on that date that the company was chartered, after weeks of preliminary discussion and efforts.

Nor could anyone foretell, at the inception of this company, that the town of South Reading, then a small, quiet village, would change its name and develop into a thriving municipality of 16,000 inhabitants in three-quarters of a century, possessing among other valued institutions a substantial State Armory erected by a grateful Commonwealth in recognition of the career of this infant organization of 1851.

In the carefully prepared historic volume published in 1901, recording a half-century of the Richardson Light Guard, mention is made of the four responses of the organization to the defense of the Union, in the Civil War. The brilliant deeds and patriotism of the young men of South Reading, from 1861 to 1865 are

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familiar to all who have kept posted on local historic affairs.

Again in 1898 the Richardson Light Guard demonstrated equal devotion and loyalty by participating in the Spanish-American War, adding another chapter of honor and achievements.

These important events being matters of public record to the year 1901, it is not necessary in this volume to again review historic incidents already recorded. The purpose of this book, therefore, is to present in permanent form a review covering the third quarter-century, from 1901 to 1926. In this period occurred the great World War in which the typically characteristic repetition of devotion and valour displayed in former years maintains an honored reputation. Thus a complete history of the Richardson Light Guard, under various military appellations, is recorded for posterity with the hope that future generations may be inspired by unselfish devotion of those who have served their country in the town's representative military unit. An earnest endeavor has been made to faithfully portray this historic review.

Whether history repeats itself in respect to future conflicts of men and nations is not for us to comment on, at this time, except to express universal hope that Peace may prevail forever; but if necessity arises, it is certain that the valorous deeds of their fathers will likewise be repeated by worthy sons of Wakefield in upholding the glorious, out-standing record of the Richardson Light Guard.

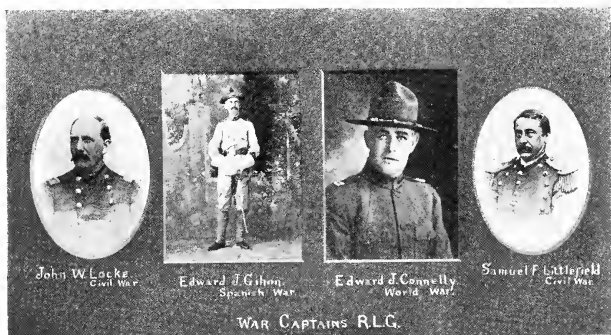
Today the Richardson Light Guard starts on its last quarter-century. It is assured that the "Spirit of '76" so amply revived and exemplified by Wakefield defenders in the Civil, Spanish and World Wars will be faithfully maintained by the Richardson Light Guard, whether in Peace or War. In upholding Patriotism, Freedom and Liberty we may rest secure, insofar as the company is concerned, for these noble principles of American citizenship are deeply rooted with unfailing breadth and firmness. Our country may feel assured that the young men comprising institutions such as the Richardson Light Guard will continue to "carry on" and uphold the cherished precepts and sacrificial examples of those who have gone on before, or who have already given military service for the welfare of our Country, State and Town.

Reference to the Richardson Light Guard would be incomplete without mentioning the loyalty of Wakefield people and friends to this institution, throughout more than seven decades. Conspicuous among these friends of the company is the Richardson family. At the inception of the organization in 1851 Dr. Solon O. Richardson, the first of his name, contributed a generous sum of money toward equipping the company. His son, bear-

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ing the same name, continued to show substantial interest in the company throughout his long life, and now the third of that name, the grandson, likewise shows evidence of continuous interest. Although living at a distance, he maintains the reputation of his grandfather and father in generosity, influence and integrity. Thus the Richardson family has taken justifiable pride in the organization, and it is a pleasing commentary on American life today to witness such ample evidences of loyalty where worthy sons maintain the ideals of honored ancestors.

Friends and associates of the senior Dr. Richardson shared their interest in the company by donating medals, notably Cyrus Wakefield, Lucius Beebe and George O. Carpenter, all of whom were identified with Wakefield's welfare. Later on, Col. Edward J. Gihon and other friends offered prizes in various lines of competition. The Fine Members Association, comprising citizens interested in the Richardson Light Guard, and the Lady Associates of the active company have been ever loyal to the company's interests and furnish moral and financial support to a degree unequalled in military organizations.



R. L. G. War Captains

Left to right: John W. Locke, Civil War; Edward J. Gihon,
Spanish War; Edward J. Connelly, World War;
Samuel F. Littlefield, Civil War

CHAPTER ONE

1901

COMPANY A'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

On October 11, 1901, the Richardson Light Guard's Fiftieth Anniversary passed very successfully and was a notable event in local history. The weather was perfect, the program was well carried out, and everything went smoothly.

Many distinguished military guests graced the occasion by their presence and a large number of former citizens who had been members of the company, were here to renew old acquaintances and participate in the day's festivities. The affair proved to be a grand reunion and will ever be remembered as an event of rare pleasure.

The parade was an interesting feature of the celebration. There were hundreds of visitors in town and "all turned out" to see the R. L. G. and their distinguished guests. The procession was made up as follows:

Platoon of Police.

Salem Cadet Band, Jean Missud, Leader.

Invited Guests (in carriages).

Fine Members—Spanish War Veterans, Past Members, Capt. George M. Tompson, Commanding.

Company A, Sixth Infantry, M. V. M., Capt. Frank E. Gray. Commanding.

1st Platoon, 1st Lt. E. E. Morrison.

2nd Platoon, 2nd Lt. J. H. McMahon.

Along the route of procession the decorations were profuse and in some respects unusually elaborate. The Armory was attractively decorated in red, white and blue. The principal feature of the decorations was a large shield with colored electric in-

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candescent lights. On the shield the various designations of the company appeared as follows:

1851 Co. D. 7th Regt. Inf. M. V. M.

1861 Co. B 5th Regt. Inf. Mass. U. S. Vols.

1862 Co. E. 50th Regt. Inf. Mass. U. S. Vols.

1864 Co. E. 8th Regt. Inf. Mass. U. S. Vols.

1866 Co. A. 6th Regt. Inf. Mass. V. M.

1898 Co. A. 6th Regt. Inf. Mass. U. S. Vols.

The electrical effect was very fine and was the work of Mr. Robert J. Lawder. The Town Hall had appropriate decorations, a large portrait of the late Dr. Solon O. Richardson, Sr., appeared over the main entrance, surmounted by a "Welcome" electric sign tastefully arranged. Other unusually attractive decorations along the route were the Henry F. Miller & Sons Piano Factory, Cutler Bros. Block, Trader's Block, Walton's Block, Connell's Block, Cate's Block, J. S. Bonney's Drug Store, the Old P. O. Building, Gould Building, Jordan Building, "The Elms" the residence of S. O. Richardson, G. A. R. Hall and many residences.

The procession passed in review on Main Street near the common. In the reviewing stand were the following:

Lt. Governor John L. Bates and staff, Adjutant General Samuel Dalton, Inspector General William H. Brigham, Col. James C. White, Lt. Col. Edward J. Gihon, Lt. Col. Arthur B. Denny, Lt. Col. William C. Capelle, Surgeon General Robert A. Blood, Major Charles S. Proctor, Major George E. Hagar, A. D. C., Lt. Col. George H. Benyon.

Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Mathews, Lt. Col. Walter C. Hagar, Capt. William B. Emery and Capt. William O. Webber, 1st Brigade.

Col. William H. Oakes, Capt. Charles T. Dukelon and Capt. Thomas McCarthy, 5th Inf.

Capt. John Boardman, 26th U. S. Inf.

Major John J. Sullivan and Capt. William J. Casey, 9th Inf.

Dept. Commander S. A. Barton, Junior Vice Commander Judd, Asst. Adj. General Prohle, Judge Advocate Keyes, Chaplain Charles H. Hickok, Staff of G. A. R.

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Col. Charles K. Darling and Capt. Barrett, 6th Inf.

Capt. P. Frank Packard, 8th Inf.

Lieut. Fred B. Carpenter, 1st Corps Cadets.

Solon O. Richardson.

After passing in review the procession marched to the park, by Lakeside, where the ceremony of evening parade was held, Capt. Frank E. Gray, Acting Major; Lieut. Louis G. Hunton, 6th Regt. Staff, Battalion Adjutant; Battalion Staff, Sergeant Major, Edgar O. Dewey.

The ceremony being ended the column was again formed and marched to the armory to partake of a sumptuous banquet served by Caterer Dill of Melrose. During the banquet music was furnished by the Salem Cadet Band. After all had satisfied the inner man cigars were lighted and Capt. Gray in a fitting introductory speech introduced as toastmaster of the evening, Mr. Edson W. White, who fulfilled the duties admirably. Mr. White alluded to Capt. Sam Littlefield, Lt. B. F. Barnard, Ex-Capt. E. J. Gihon and the present incumbent, Capt. Frank E. Gray in his introductory, bring forth enthusiastic applause.

Capt. Henry D. Degen of Boston referred to the early history of the R. L. G.

Chairman Richard S. Stout of the Board of Selectmen spoke for the town and expressed the sentiment of Wakefield citizens regarding their high esteem of Company A.

Brig. General Thomas R. Mathews, 1st Brigade Mass. Vol. Militia said the trip about town was an ample object lesson of the interest of Wakefield citizens in the local company.

Lt. Gov. John L. Bates made a characteristic speech, congratulating the company upon its excellent record and speaking interestingly upon the "citizen soldiers".

Col. Charles K. Darling 6th Regt. Inf. M. V. M. spoke in a reminiscent vein, referring to the regiment's rifle work and stated that the victories were due largely to the work of Company A's marksmanship, and also noting the attendance at State Musters, in which respect Company A set the standard.

Cong. E. W. Roberts spoke for the United States and was pleased to note local pride in the home Military Company.

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"The Fine Members" of Company A was responded to by Samuel K. Hamilton, Esq., who spoke brilliantly and interspersed his remarks by clever stories. In responding, Squire Hamilton resorted to the dictionary, but found no satisfactory definition of the word "fine" but was glad to speak a good word for the Richardson Light Guard praising its past history and its present condition.

Col. Nathan P. Colburn of Minnesota was the next speaker. He was one of the most notable guests present, as he presided at the meeting Oct. 1st, 1851 when the first steps were taken to organize the R. L. G. being Colonel of the 7th Regt. at that time. He was given a cordial greeting.

Mr. White then read the names of the prize winners at the Target Shoot held in the morning and the prizes were awarded.

The result of the match between the rifle team of Company A and the team of the past members who styled themselves the "Has Beens" was then read, resulting in a victory for the Active Team, by the record breaking score of 648. The conditions were 15 men, 10 shots at 200 yds. The scores:

Company A		The "Has Beens"	
Pvt. Gibson	47	Lt. Williams	46
Pvt. Cronin	46	G. Duward	45
Pvt. Jefts	45	C. E. Horton	43
Capt. Gray	45	J. Duward	43
Pvt. Reid	44	Capt. Hamilton	43
Sgt. Keough	44	John Reid	42
Cpl. Dingle	43	Col. Gihon	42
Bug. Bourgeois	44	C. Pratt	42
Pvt. Chesley	44	C. J. Tabbutt	42
Pvt. Widell	42	C. W. Parker	41
Sgt. Sweetser	41	A. R. Sedgley	40
Cpl. W. G. Hunt	41	W. B. Daniels	40
Pvt. R. A. Merrill	41	Capt. Cheney	39
Lt. McMahon	41	John W. Babbitt	41
Lt. E. E. Morrison	40	Lt. Hunton	41
648		630	

After a few remarks by Capt. Frank E. Gray relative to the memorial volume the banquet was concluded.

Guests and past members lingered for a while to talk over "Old Days" and then all adjourned to the brilliantly illuminated and richly decorated Town Hall, for the festivities of the evening.

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The Concert and ball was a grand success. Chesley's Orchestra of 12 pieces furnished delightful music. Many military officers were present, and their rich uniforms and the handsome gowns of the ladies present made a pleasing scene, long to be remembered by all.

CHAPTER TWO

1902

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Annual elections were held the first week in January of each year, when the Treasurer's report was read and the following committees elected by the members: Executive Committee, Investigating Committee and Treasurer. There were three members elected to each of the above committees by ballot. Considerable interest was shown at these elections and more or less rivalry.



Capt. John H. McMahon

Co. A, 6th Mass. Inf.,
1902 - 1914

Major, 1st Bn., 6th Mass.
Inf., N. G. 1914 - 1915

Major State Guard

Lt.-Col. M. V. M. Retired
List

The annual Regimental Inspection was held on January 6, 1902 at which the company made a very good showing. The inspecting officer was Lt. Col. George H. Priest.

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Feb. 14. Company assembled at the armory at 1.45 P. M. to attend the funeral services of one of the Company's best friends, Captain James H. Carter. Services were held in the Town Hall.

Feb. 24. Election was held to fill vacancy caused by the resignation and discharge of Capt. Frank E. Gray. Meeting called to order at 8.20 P. M., Major Warren E. Sweetser, presiding. Lieut. John H. McMahon elected Captain unanimously and Pvt. Alton R. Sedgley was elected 2nd Lieutenant.

April 7. Annual State Inspection, Lieut. Elmer E. Morrison Commanding Company.

ANNUAL PRIZE DRILL

April 16. Annual Prize Drill and distribution of Marksman's Badges, the affair being complimentary to the Fine Members of the Company, a large number of whom were present with ladies. The Company had the highest total of points in the State for marksmanship. The marksman's badges and prizes were presented by Capt. George M. Tompson. The trophy won in the Regimental Shoot held at Lexington on Oct. 14, 1901 was also presented to the Company. The company was also awarded the trophy emblematic of the Championship of the Eastern Middlesex Military League, a statuette, "a La Chasse". In this competition the Company Rifle Team shot in ten matches and won by a clean score, having been victorious in every match of the series. The high standard of efficiency achieved by the Company for the past year was due to the commander Capt. John H. McMahon who had charge of the qualifications.

May 19. A meeting was held for the purpose of electing a 1st Lieut. in place of 1st Lieut. Elmer E. Morrison, resigned and discharged. Major Warren E. Sweetser presided. Meeting called to order at 8.10 P. M. Pvt. Harvey G. Brockbank was declared elected.

May 30. Company A performed the usual escort duty to Post 12 G. A. R.

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CAMP DUTY

June 6. Company assembled for annual tour of Camp duty at Framingham, Mass., leaving armory at 4.15 p. m. and taking the 4.36 train for Boston. Arrived at North Station at 5.14, and marched to the South Union Station. The Second Battalion, of which Company A was a part, under command of Major Warren E. Sweetser, left the camp grounds at 9.15 a. m. June 9th for instruction in extended order at Water Tower Hill, returning to camp at noon the next day. The balance of the tour was taken up by regular drills and brigade reviews. The company returned home Saturday, June 13, at 6.00 p. m.

June 17. The Company assembled at 8.30 a. m. and participated in the parade and exercises at the dedication of the Soldiers' Monument on the common.

ANNUAL TARGET SHOOT AND BANQUET

Oct. 17. Annual Target Shoot and Banquet was held on this date. The target shoot was held in Cox's Woods in the afternoon. Banquet at the Armory at 5.00 p. m. Mr. William L. Coon was toastmaster. The speakers were Capt. G. M. Tompson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Col. James G. White of Gov. Crane's Staff; Gen. Thomas A. Matthews, 1st Brigade; Congressman Roberts and Comrade Castle of the Ohio G. A. R. In the evening a concert and military ball took place in the town hall. Capt. John H. McMahon was floor director. During the concert there was an exhibition drill and guard mount by the company, and prizes won at the target shoot were presented by Col. Edward J. Gihon. Dancing followed.

1903

March 23. The annual State Inspection by Lt. Col. Walter C. Hagar accompanied by Maj. William D. Emery 1st Brigade Staff and Major Warren E. Sweetser of the 6th Regt.

April 23. Annual Prize Drill and presentation of Marksman's badges. A large number of Fine Members, ladies, and

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comrades from Post 12 G. A. R. attended. William L. Coon of Post 12 G. A. R. presented the prizes and badges. Every man in the company qualified as marksmen or better, making a total of 314 against a total of 265 for 1901.

May 30. Company acted as escort to Post 12 G. A. R. A substantial lunch was served at the armory at 12 noon.

June 1. Company A appropriated the sum of \$15.00 to affiliate with the National Rifle Association. Each member was assessed 25 cents to help pay the expense of sending the National Rifle Team, of which Sgt. Keough was a member, to England.

CAMP DUTY

June 20. Company assembled for eight days' duty at camp in Framingham. Left Wakefield at 8.15 a. m., arrived at camp



Co. A, 6th Inf., M. V. M., at Framingham, June, 1903

at 10.50 a. m. Tuesday, June 23rd, Brigade was reviewed by Lt. General Nelson A. Miles commanding the army of the United

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States. Thursday, June 25, the brigade left camp about 8 a. m. for Boston to take part in the Hooker parade, and returned to camp about 4 p. m. Saturday, June 27, the Company returned to Wakefield, arriving at noon. During this tour Company A had the honor of being color company.

RECEPTION TO SGT. KEOUGH

August 7. Q. M. Sgt. James H. Keough was tendered a reception and banquet by the members of Company A at the armory. The affair was in honor of Sgt. Keough's distinguished record at Bisley, England, where the American Rifle Team won the Palma Trophy international competition on July 11 and Sgt. Keough, the only representative from New England, made the highest score. It was an informal affair but none the less sincere. Several prominent military guests and Wakefield citizens spoke in appreciation of Sgt. Keough's remarkable career as a marksman. After a brief reception the banquet followed in the reading room where Caterer Flockton served an appetizing spread. About the head table were festoons of bunting and attractive decorations, the score of Sgt. Keough being reproduced on a miniature target. Capt. McMahon called the gathering to order and introduced Col. Charles K. Darling commanding the regiment, who paid a high tribute to Sgt. Keough for his skill and success with the rifle. Sgt. Keough responded and expressed his appreciation for the kindness shown him and reviewed his trip and the work of the team. Col. Edward J. Gihon of Gov. Bates' Staff, and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, also spoke in praise of Sgt. Keough's ability. Other speakers of the evening were Major Warren E. Sweetser, Lt. McMillan, I. R. P., Lt. Joseph Hart, Asst. Surgeon, and Harris M. Dolbeare.

Oct. 2. The company left for Boston for escort duty to the Honorable Artillery Company of London, England. Detachments from the First Corps of Cadets, 1st, 5th, 6th and 9th Regts, about 2000 men, were in line. The march started about ten o'clock and covered a route of three miles, the assembly taking place in Charlestown. The parade was reviewed by Gov. John

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L. Bates and staff at the State House and by the Mayor of Boston at City Hall. Company arrived back at the armory at 1.30 p. m.

Oct. 21. Annual Fall Field Day and Ball of the Company took place on this date. Target shoot as usual at the range in Cox's woods. Banquet was served in the armory at 5.30 p. m. by Caterer Dill of Melrose. Samuel K. Hamilton, Esq., was toastmaster. The speakers were Judge Advocate General Henry S. Dewey, Congressman Ernest W. Roberts, Brig. Gen. G. A.



1st Lt. H. G. Brockbank
Co. A, 6th Mass. Regt.,
M. V. M.



2nd Lt. Alton R. Sedgley
Co. A, 6th Mass. Regt., M. V. M.

Goodale, U. S. A. J. V. Dept. Commander James H. Wolfe, G. A. R., and Lt. Col. Edward J. Gihon. The toastmaster awarded the prizes after which the guests adjourned to the Town Hall where the Ball was held. It was largely attended and a grand success.

Dec. 7. In place of regular drill the Company went to Woburn on invitation of Company G. 5th Regt. and took part in a street parade, the occasion being the opening night of a fair held by Company G.

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January 4. Annual Regimental Inspection at armory by Major Cyrus H. Cook, 6th Inf. M. V. M.

Feb. 26. Exhibition drill and dance at the armory.

Mar. 14. Annual State Inspection by Lt. Col. Charles F. Wonson of Gov. Bates' Staff and Capt. F. W. Phisterer of the Artillery Corps. U. S. A. Major Warren E. Sweetser of the 6th Regt. Inf., was also present.

April 16. Funeral of the late Capt. Albert Mansfield was held at the residence, Mansfield Corner, So. Lynnfield. Company was represented by Capt. McMahon and Lt. Brockbank, and a squad under command of Sgt. Walter G. Hunt fired three volleys over the grave.

April 25. Annual Prize Drill and Distribution of Marksman's badges was held at the armory. A large number of friends of the company, Fine Members and comrades from Post 12 G. A. R. were present. Supt. of Schools A. C. Thompson presented the prizes and badges. Q. M. Sgt. James H. Keough and Corp. J. J. Cronin were presented with cups won at the State General Competition for being among the fifteen competitors making the highest scores. Corp. Cronin was also presented with the second individual medal and the Distinguished Marksman's Medal won at the same competition.

TRI-COLOR PRESENTATION

May 2. Sixty men of Company A under 1st Sgt. Edward J. Connelly proceeded to the South Armory, Irvington St., Boston, at 5.30 p. m., reporting to Capt. McMahon where a provisional battalion of Companies E. L. A and H, under the command of Major Cyrus H. Cook 6th Regt. gave a battalion drill, guard mount and escort to the colors. This last ceremony concluded with the transfer of the Tri-color from the Second Infantry to the winners of 1903, the Sixth Infantry. Battalion parade followed during which the members of the victorious Tri-color team were presented with pins representing State colors with Tri-color attached. Eight of the fifteen men were from Company A.

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Previous to the drill the officers of the Regiment entertained the members of the rifle team with a lunch at the Copley Square Hotel. Col. Charles K. Darling presented a statuette to Q. M. Sgt. James H. Keough of Co. A in recognition of his skill in making the highest score on the American Rifle Team in the International match at Bisley, England, July 11, 1903.

May 21. Company A left on a special electric car at 1.00 p. m. for Tyngsboro, Mass., arriving at 3.30 p. m. A battalion consisting of Cos. A, G. and H of the 6th Regt. and M of the 9th Regt. under Major Warren E. Sweetser made an assault on a hill held by Co. C of the 6th Regt. Blank ammunition was used, the action lasting about one hour. Supper was served at 6.00 p. m. and Company A left for home at 7.30 p. m.

May 30. Company A performed the usual escort duty to Post 12, G. A. R.

June 11. The company left at 7.30 a. m. for eight days' annual camp duty at So. Framingham, arriving at camp grounds at 10.15 a. m. On the afternoon of Tuesday, June 14, Flag Day was observed with a Brigade Review and escort to the colors. A salute of twenty-one guns was fired by the Artillery. The usual program of camp duty was carried out during this tour. Company arrived home 12.45 p. m., Saturday, June 18th.

August 6. Company A with Company E of the 5th Regt., Co. K, 8th Regt., and Company M, 8th Regt., under command of Major Edward H. Eldredge, 8th Regt., acted as funeral escort to the remains of the late Major Oliver H. Story, Asst. Insp. of Rifle Practise, 2nd Brigade.

Sept. 19. Annual Regimental Competition, Bay State Range.

Oct. 1. State General Rifle Competition, Bay State Range.

ANNUAL FIELD DAY

Oct. 13. The annual Fall Field Day and Banquet was held on this date with a target shoot at the Bay State Range in the afternoon. An informal reception was held between five and six o'clock at the armory followed by a banquet prepared by Jesse A. Dill of Melrose. Mr. A. C. Thompson, Supt. of Schools.

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was toastmaster. The speakers were General Henry S. Dewey of the Governor's Staff, General Greenleaf A. Goodale, U. S. A., retired; William L. Coon of Post 12 G. A. R.; Nathaniel E. Cutler, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Lt. Col. Walter G. Sanborn, Asst. Adj. Gen.; Capt. Merton Cobb, Aide 2nd Brig., and Lt. Fred H. Turnbull, Naval Brig. Chesley's orchestra furnished excellent music.

1905

January 16. The committee in charge recommended that the Washington trip be made, subject to conditions which were submitted at the meeting.

January 30. Company was inspected by Major Warren E. Sweetser, this inspection taking the place of the usual regimental inspection.

March 13. On this evening the State Inspection took place. Lt. Col. Edward J. Gihon A. I. G. was inspecting officer. Major Warren E. Sweetser, 5th Regt. and an officer from the 15th U. S. Cavalry were present.

WASHINGTON TRIP

March 1. Thirty-seven men of the company with Capt. McMahon and Lt. Sedgley, as part of the Provisional Regiment under Major Perley A. Dyar of the 1st Artillery, left for Washington, D. C., to take part in the inaugural exercises. The regiment left Boston for Fall River at 6.45 p. m. and embarked on the steamer Pilgrim of the Fall River Line for New York. The steamer was somewhat delayed in the Sound by ice. On arrival at New York the troops were transferred to Jersey City on a special steamer and entrained at 9.37 a. m., March 2, leaving by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Philadelphia was reached at 12.30 p. m. and Baltimore at 3.45 p. m., where a short stop was made. The train reached Washington at 5.45 p. m. The Regiment marched to the armory of the National Rifles located at D Street N. W. between 9th and 10th Streets, where the company was

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quartered. March 3 was spent in sight seeing. On Saturday, March 4th, Inauguration Day, the company had its photograph taken at 11.30 a. m. At 12.00 noon the Provisional Regiment was marched to the assembly point and was formed sixteen files front, companies closed to eight paces. After passing in review before President Roosevelt, double time was taken for a short distance, when they were again reviewed by Lt. Gen. A. R. Chaffee, Chief of Staff, U. S. A. Company arrived back at their quarters at 5.30 p. m., having marched about ten miles. The Massachusetts troops were in heavy marching order, with blue overcoats and collar rolls, making a fine appearance. The alignment was excellent. Sunday, March 5 was spent in visiting public buildings and other places of interest. Monday morning at 4.30 a. m. preparations were made for departure. The train left Washington at 7.00 a. m., Philadelphia being reached at 11.00 a. m., where the men were given two hours' liberty. At 2.00 p. m. the train left for Jersey City which was reached at 4.30 p. m. Crossing to New York, the Fall River Line Steamer Pilgrim was again boarded, and at 5.30 headed down the river. Capt. McMahon was Officer of the Day. The steamer arrived at Fall River, Tuesday, at 6.15 a. m. and the 7.00 a. m. train was taken for Boston. Company A arrived in Wakefield at 10.30 a. m.

March 28. The company acted as escort to the remains of Capt. S. F. Littlefield, a former commander of Company A. His picture in the armory was draped for thirty days.

April 26. Annual Prize Drill and Presentation of Marksmen's Badges, took place this evening before a large gallery of friends of the members, a large delegation from Post 12 G. A. R. and the High School Battalion. William L. Coon of Post 12 presented the medals and badges.

May 30. Company A acted as escort to Post 12 G. A. R.

CAMP DUTY

July 5 to 13. The annual tour of duty took place at Hampton Plains, Westfield, Mass. Company A left Boston at 9.10 a. m. arriving at Westfield at 12.20 p. m. A march of three miles

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was taken to camp. All the troops with the exception of the 1st Regt. Heavy Art. and the Naval Brigade were organized into a division under command of Lt. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A. Retired. Work was at once begun clearing the ground of brush and pitching wall tents. Service uniform with collar roll was worn. Little time was spent in Company instruction. Regimental and Brigade drills in extended order, advance guard and outpost work were taken up. Friday, July 7, the Division was reviewed by Gov. William L. Douglass. Tuesday, July 11, the tour of duty came to a close with a spectacular night attack upon the camp. Company A arrived home Wednesday at 7.50 p. m

FALL FIELD DAY

Oct. 12. Annual Fall Field Day and Banquet was observed in the usual manner with a rifle competition at the Bay State Range and a banquet in the evening at the armory. Jesse A. Dill of Melrose was caterer. There were over two hundred present. Music was furnished by Chesley's Orchestra. Rev. William T. O'Connor of St. Joseph's Church invoked the divine blessing. The speakers were Col. E. J. Gihon of Gov. Douglas' Staff, Gen. G. A. Goodale, Col. George H. Priest 6th Regt., Lt. J. J. Dwyer, Adj. Gen. Spanish War Vet., Selectman Thomas G. O'Connell, Rev. Hugh A. Heath, Commander Charles A. Evans, G. A. R., Charles H. Howe, and H. M. Dolbeare. William L. Coon of Post 12 acted as toastmaster.

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Feb. 12. Regimental inspection by Maj. James C. Smith 6th Regt. Dress uniforms with canteen and haversack, and black shoes were worn. At a meeting after the inspection it was voted to assist the Spanish War Veterans at their coming fair and take charge of a table.

April 11. The State Inspection was held, Inspecting Officer.

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Col. Edward J. Gihon retired, accompanied by Capt. Field, 5th U. S. Infantry.

April 22. The Company performed escort duty at the funeral of Capt. James F. Emerson, a former commander of Company A.



Co. A, 6th Mass. Inf., M. V. M., at Framingham, 1906

April 24. Company A with Company G of the 5th and Company H of the 6th Inf., was escort to Lt. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A. Rtd., at the opening night of the L. S. W. V. Fair. Town Hall.

May 11. Annual Prize Drill and Presentation of Marksman's badges. The competitive drill in the manual of arms followed a brief exhibition drill under Capt. McMahon. Postmaster Dearborn presented the prizes.

May 30. Company A acted as escort to Post 12 G. A. R.

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CAMP DUTY

June 16 to 23. Annual Camp Duty was held at South Framingham. Particular attention was given to close and extended order work, also outpost duty by the battalion. On Friday, June 22nd, Gov. Curtis Guild and Staff reviewed the Regiment and the Governor presented the Regiment with a new stand of colors. On Saturday, June 23rd, the company left by special electric car at 9.20 a. m. for the North Station where the 10.55 train was taken to Wakefield.

FUNERAL OF GEN. RICE

July 24. In accordance with special orders from the Governor, the 6th Regt. M. V. M. acted as escort to the remains of Gen. Edmund Rice, U. S. A. retired, who died at Wakefield, July 21. Funeral services were held at the General's home in Greenwood. The Grand Army ritual was used, after which Gov. Guild spoke eloquently of this worthy officer. Mus. James Findlay of Company A sounded taps. The body was escorted to the State House by U. S. and State troops under command of Brig. Gen. Charles K. Darling M. V. M. Retired. The body lay in state for two hours in Memorial Hall. Soon after 6.00 p. m. the cortage moved from the State House to the South Station where the remains were taken on the Federal Express to Washington for interment in the National Cemetery at Arlington. Company A was detailed to escort the body from the General's home in Greenwood to Boston, and six of its non-commissioned officers were detailed as body bearers. The Company also acted as guard of honor at the State House while the body lay in state. Company A furnished the flag which draped the casket and which was taken with it to Washington.

ANNUAL BANQUET

Oct. 11. As in past years the company received the usual donation of \$50.00 from Solon O. Richardson. On this day was held the annual Fall Field Day and Banquet. The target shoot

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taking place at Bay State Range in the afternoon and the banquet at the armory in the evening. Jesse A. Dill of Melrose acted as caterer. Music was furnished by the Lynn Cadet Orchestra. Rev. H. A. Heath invoked the blessing. William L. Coon of Post 12 acted as toastmaster, in his usual pleasing manner. The speakers were Hon. Ernest W. Roberts, M. C.; Thomas G. O'Connell, Chairman of Selectmen; Capt. John H. McMahon; Charles A. Evans, Com. of Post 12 G. A. R.; Col. Edward J. Gihon, Retired; Col. George H. Priest, 6th Regt., and the Rev. William R. Polhamus.

Nov. 5. It was voted to arrange a series of shooting contests on the armory range.

CHAPTER THREE

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Jan. 7. At a regular meeting the Executive Committee was instructed to purchase miscellaneous gymnasium apparatus.

Jan. 22. Company A took part in the parade at Stoneham at the opening night of a fair held by Company H 6th Regt. M. V. M.

Jan. 31. Marksman's badges for the year of 1906 were presented on this evening. Capt. Stuart W. Wise ISAP 6th Regt. M. V. M. after words of congratulation, presented the badges. Dancing followed, the music being furnished by the Lynn Cadet Orchestra. The company in 1906 had 23 expert riflemen, 4 sharpshooters and 30 marksmen.

Feb. 11. Regimental inspection of the Company by Major Warren E. Sweetser, 6th Regt.

Feb. 26. The U. S. Inspection took place on this evening by Lt. G. Van S. Quackenbush, 23rd U. S. Inf. Dress uniform with white gloves was worn. Canteen and haversack were carried.

April 15. Company assembled for State Inspection by Lt. Col. Roger Wolcott, General Staff. Col. Priest, Lt. Col. Cook, Major Sweetser, Capt. Hunton, and Lt. Downes were present as observers.

April 29. At the regular meeting it was voted to dispose of the two shares of stock in the Bay State Rifle Range, and a committee appointed for this purpose.

May 3. The annual prize drill was held on Friday evening at the Armory. Gen. Goodale presented the prizes, after which dancing was enjoyed until 12.00 o'clock. The Lynn Cadet Orchestra furnished the music.

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May 27. The company was measured for the new full dress uniform.

May 30. Company A escorted Post 12 G. A. R. at their exercises.

June 10. A special meeting was called for the purpose of electing a second lieutenant in place of Lt. Alton R. Sedgley, resigned and discharged. Major Warren E. Sweetser presided. First Sergeant Edward J. Connelly was unanimously elected.

CAMP DUTY

July 27 to August 3. Company A left for South Framingham, Mass., July 27, for seven days' State Duty. A special electric car was taken at the North Station for the camp grounds. Most of the program for the week consisted of battalion drills, advance guard formations and extended order work. On Saturday, August 3, the Brigade entrained for Boston to take part in the Old Home Week celebration at which the entire Massachusetts Volunteer Militia was assembled. The troops detrained at Huntington Avenue yard and paraded through the principal business streets of Boston, being reviewed by the Mayor of Boston, Lt. General Nelson A. Miles and Gov. Curtis Guild. The First Brigade was dismissed at 12.45 p. m., Company A returning to Wakefield on the 1.25 train. The day was exceedingly hot.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Oct. 9. The Fifty-sixth annual target shoot and banquet was held on Wednesday, the target shoot at the Bay State Range in the afternoon and the banquet in the evening. Jesse A. Dill was caterer. Mr. William L. Coon of Post 12 G. A. R. acted as toastmaster. The speakers were Hon. W. M. Olin, Secretary of State, Selectman A. L. Wiley, J. L. Parker, J. V. C. Mass. G. A. R. Chaplain W. F. Dusseault, C. A. Evans, Com. of Post 12; Jesse A. Haley, Com. U. S. W. V., John E. Gilman, Past Dept. Com. G. A. R., Col. E. J. Gihon, Stanley B. Dearborn, Post 12, Col. Priest, 6th Regt.; Gen. G. A. Goodale and Gen. Chas. A. Coolidge,

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U. S. A., retired. A donation of \$50.00 was received from Solon O. Richardson.

Dec. 2. At the regular meeting Sgt. Edgar B. Hawkes, Team Captain, in behalf of the Rifle Team, presented the company the trophy won at the Regimental Shoot, Sept. 30, 1907, an engraving representing the recapture of Fort Sumpter by the United States Squadron in April, 1863.

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Jan. 14. Annual Federal inspection took place on Tuesday evening. Inspecting Officer 1st Lieut. C. J. Nelson, 24th Inf. U. S. A. Present 3 officers and 56 men.

Feb. 20. A dancing party held by Company A at the armory was a grand success. The armory was beautifully decorated with bunting and potted plants. Dancing was enjoyed by a large number of people. Excellent music was furnished by Lynn Cadet Orchestra.

Feb. 22. On Washington's Birthday Capt. McMahon, Lts. Brockbank and Connelly, in full dress uniform, attended a reception given by Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr., at the State House, Boston, Mass.

March 23. Lt. Col. Roger Wolcott of the General Staff, M. V. M., inspected Company A on this evening. Present three officers and fifty-six enlisted men.

MARKSMEN'S BADGES

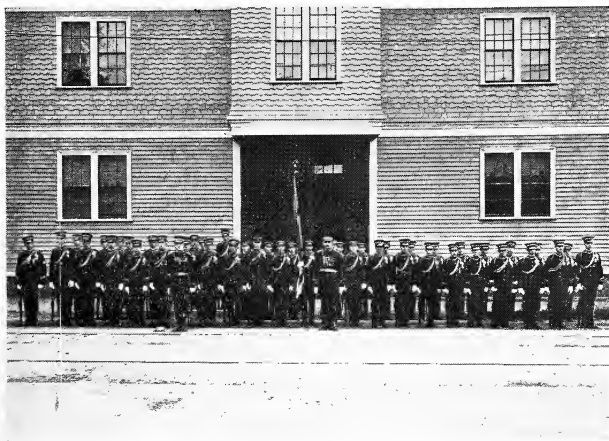
March 30. The presentation of Marksman's decorations and a military Gymkhana were held at the armory this evening in the presence of a large audience. Among the guests were Gen. Goodale retired, Col. Edward J. Gihon and representatives from Post 12 G. A. R., Camp 39, U. S. W. V., and the Wakefield High School Battalion. After a short company drill the marksman's badges were presented to the company by Col. Edward J. Gihon, who in the course of his remarks stated that at the close of the target season in 1907 every man in the company was qualified in the Marksman's class or better and that at the Regimental Com-

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petition the Company had won the State Trophy with the record breaking score of 645 points. Then followed the athletic events which consisted of: Blank Cartridge Race, Equipment Race, Potato Race, Rescue Race, Three-legged Race, and Relay Race.

April 27. Mr. Stillman J. Putney presented the Company with a ticket to a ball given by the Richardson Light Guard at South Reading in 1852, for which a vote of thanks was extended.

May 11. On this evening the annual Prize Drill was held, attended by a large number of friends and delegations from Post 12 G. A. R. and other patriotic organizations. Gen. Goodale presented the prizes.



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In Full Dress Uniform, May 30, 1908, in front of Old Armory

DRILL AT TEWKSBURY

May 23. The Company assembled on Saturday for a battalion drill at Tewksbury, Mass. Service uniform was worn, with canteen and haversack, and shelter tent halves in col-



Pine Plains Camp, New York, 1908

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lar roll were carried. The company was transported in electric cars and the program consisted of problems in attack and defense of position, advance guard, outpost work and shelter tent drill.

May 30. The company paraded in full dress uniform, white gloves, military collars and black shoes, at the G. A. R. exercises.

CAMP DUTY IN N. Y.

June 13 to 21. The company assembled to perform eight days of State Duty in camp at Pine Plains, Jefferson County, N. Y. It is interesting to note that the company was equipped for the first time with the U. S. Magazine Rifle, Model 1903, chambered for model 1906 ammunition. The 1903 model cartridge belts with suspenders were also worn for the first time. The musicians were armed with 38 Cal. Colt service revolvers. Companies A, B, D, H and Headquarters were assigned to special train G which left at 4.30 p. m. from the North Station. Each man was allowed one seat in the coach, with car in charge of a Sergeant, who was responsible for the conduct of the men and the condition of the car. The officers rode in a Pullman sleeper in the rear of the train. Route followed: Fitchburg Division to Rotterdam Junction, N. Y., West Shore Line to Utica then up the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg line to Carthage. The afternoon was beautiful and the scenery much enjoyed. A full moon added to the charm of a June evening and the ride along the Deerfield and Hoosac Rivers was one long to be remembered. Supper was served at about 7.30 p. m., after which the men settled down for the night. Utica was reached at daylight Sunday morning, where a short stop was made. Carthage was reached at about 8.15 a. m. and the train proceeded slowly to a temporary siding at Pine Camp. After a long wait for the arrival of the rest of the Regiment, under the boiling sun beside the railroad tracks, the march to camp was begun through the deep sand. Company A was located in Infantry Camp No. 2 about one and one-half miles from the railroad. On the way the company passed Major General Frederick D. Grant, U. S. A., who was in command of the camp. The mess shack had been built and the

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company streets mapped out by U. S. Engineers. Tent pitching was progressing nicely when a most severe electric and wind storm broke over the camp, rain coming down in torrents and in a few moments every tent was blown to the ground and the occupants drenched. The storm lasted over an hour and did a great deal of damage. Work was once more begun on pitching camp which was finished by sunset and huge fires built in the streets around which the men tried to dry themselves. The Massachusetts Regiments were in a Provisional Infantry Brigade consisting of the Second, Sixth and Eighth Mass. Regts. and 23rd N. Y. Inf., under command of Brig. Gen. E. P. Clark, M. V. M. All drills were suspended Monday morning so that the troops could properly dry clothing and equipment. Drills started in the afternoon and continued until the problem of Thursday. Advance Guard, outpost and extended order, by company, battalion and regiment, formed the program. Sgt. E. B. Hawkes of Company A was detailed as Sgt. Major of the first battalion during these drills.

The problem Thursday consisted of an attack on a bridge over the Black River which was held by a retreating Blue Army. The Brown Army of which the 6th Regt. was a part, left camp and marched northwest for about six miles, where shelter tents were pitched for the night. Next morning after a hurried breakfast the regiment went into action. The firing lasted until ten o'clock when cease firing was sounded and the troops marched back to camp in time for dinner. Saturday preparations were made for breaking camp and returning home. Shortly after one o'clock the "General" sounded and every tent was lowered to the ground and quickly rolled up ready for loading on the waiting mule wagons, to be carried to the train. At 4.30 p. m. the regiment marched to train G, being the last to leave at 7.00 p. m. During the journey home the U. S. Army travel ration was used and found satisfactory. During the time spent in camp the men were issued the field ration by U. S. Army officers which system did not prove as satisfactory as that in previous years by our own Volunteer officers. Boston was reached shortly after 9.00 a. m. Sunday, June 21st, and Wakefield at 10.32 a. m.

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ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Oct. 7. The fifty-seventh anniversary of the Richardson Light Guard was observed on this date. Following the custom of former years a target shoot was held at the range in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening at the armory. Dill of Melrose was caterer. Rev. John F. Meheran asked the Divine blessing. The decorations were very attractive. The Lynn Cadet Orchestra furnished the music during the evening. Mr. William L. Coon officiated as toastmaster. Toasts were responded to by Cong. Ernest W. Roberts, Capt. John H. McMahon, Chaplain W. F. Dusseault, 6th Regt. Commander Hickok, Post 12 G. A. R., Rev. Austin Rice, Arthur L. Wiley, Selectman, and Col. E. LeRoy Sweetser, 8th Regt.

Oct. 26. A committee was appointed to purchase a model of the various rifles which had been used by the company.

Dec. 28. It was unanimously voted to allow Lt. Brockbank instructor, the use of the 22 cal. Winchester rifles for the Wakefield High School Battalion in the matches at the Sportsman's Show in Boston. A picture of the rifle team of 1880 was presented to the company by Mr. William F. Barrett and four pictures of old military uniforms were also received from Mr. Louis Blumenthal.

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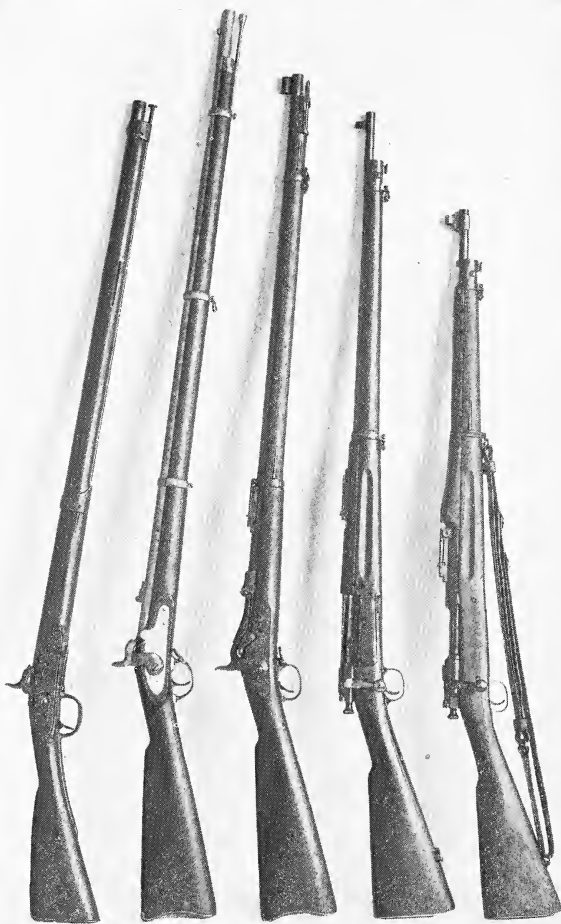
January 4. Lt. Brockbank told of the splendid shooting by Wakefield High School Cadets in the matches at the Sportsman's Show, Mechanics Building, Boston and thanked the company for the use of the rifles.

Jan. 19. At the Federal Inspection on Tuesday evening Major Faisone, 24th Inf. U. S. A., officiated. Present 3 officers and 55 enlisted men.

Jan. 25. The executive committee was instructed to purchase a typewriter for the use of the company.

INAUGURAL PARADE

March 1. The company left to take part in the Inaugural Exercises at Washington, by the Fall River Line to New York and



**Rifles Used by Richardson Light Guard
Co. A, 6th Regt., Mass. Inf., N. G.**

From left to right: Rifle used in Revolutionary War; Springfield Rifle used in Civil War; Springfield Rifle used in Spanish War, Ramrod Bayonet; U. S. Magazine, Model 1898 (Krag); U. S. Magazine Model 1903 (Springfield 30 Cal.)

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Penn. Railroad to Washington. A stopover for two hours at Philadelphia being enjoyed in sightseeing. The company was quartered at the residence of Mrs. Caroline Rickhart, Indiana Ave, N. W., near the U. S. Patent Office.

On March 3 a violent snow storm did considerable damage, leaving the streets in wretched condition for the Inaugural Parade which was to take place on March 4. The company marched to the assembly point of the parade through deep slush and passed a most uncomfortable two hours before the march was taken up. The company made a very creditable showing in passing in review before President Taft. The rest of the stay was taken up in visiting government buildings and points of interest. The company returned by the same route, Penn. Railroad and Fall River Line to Boston.

March 29. Lt. Col. E. W. M. Bailey of the General Staff, M. V. M. inspected Company A at the armory. Only forty-eight hours' notice of this inspection was given and alarm lists were used to notify the members. Nowwithstanding the short notice the company passed a fine inspection.

April 23. On Friday evening a squad under the command of 1st Sgt. W. G. Hunt contested with Company H, 6th Regt. in a drill at Melrose and won a silver loving cup which was presented to the Company. The following composed the squad: Sgt. F. H. Rogers, Sgt. E. B. Hawkes, Sgt. E. J. Stark, Corp. John Findlay, Jr., and Pvts. H. G. Godfrey, H. M. Spear, A. J. Sullivan and W. I. Sweetser.

PRIZE DRILL

April 28. A very successful Prize Drill and Dance took place at the armory on Wednesday evening. The attendance was large. Dr. Curtis L. Sopher, a Fine Member of the company, presented the prizes. Music for the dancing was by the Lynn Cadet Band. Admission was by invitation ticket, subscription being ladies twenty-five cents, gentlemen thirty-five cents.

May 21. On this evening the company was presented with the marksman's decorations for the year 1908. In that year there

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were twenty-two experts, one sharpshooter, thirty-six marksmen, seven revolver experts and four revolver sharpshooters. This year for the first time, Sergeants and Musicians were allowed to qualify with the service revolver.

May 31. Company A assisted Post 12 G. A. R. in the parade and decoration of the graves.

June 12. Company A left at 1.00 p. m. for battalion drill at Wilmington, Mass., for a problem in outpost work.

OVERNIGHT TRIP

July 17. About thirty members of Company A assembled at the armory at 7.00 p. m. and marched to the estate of Mrs. Albert Mansfield, South Lynnfield, where camp was pitched. Men were in service uniform and carried the complete field equipment. The buzzcote oven was used for cooking. Sunday afternoon extended order, advance guard and outpost work was conducted by Lt. Connelly. At 4.30 p. m. the march home began, a stop being made at Mr. Sylvester Burditt's who treated the members to delicious lemonade. The armory was reached at 5.30 p. m.

BATTALION DRILL

July 24. A battalion drill was held at Foster's pond, Andover, Mass. Company left armory at 1.00 p. m. The problem consisted of an attack by Companies C, G and H against Rattlesnake Hill, defended by Company A. The attacking party wore O. D. uniform and the defenders wore blue. The attacking party was finally forced to retire. Officers and non-commissioned officers remained over night in camp for instruction preparatory to the coming maneuvers, on the Cape. The other men returned to their respective armories.

CAMP DUTY—MANEUVERS

Aug. 14. to Aug. 21. The annual tour of camp duty was held as part of the maneuvers which took place in Bristol and Plymouth Counties. The problem consisted of an attack on

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Boston by an enemy force which landed in the vicinity of New Bedford. This force was known as the Red Army, under command of Maj. Gen. Tasker Bliss, U. S. A., composed of National Guard Organizations from New York, New Jersey, Dist. of Col. and Conn. They were distinguished by a red band on their campaign hat. The entire Massachusetts Militia under command of Brig. Gen. William A. Pew, Jr., M. V. M., known as the Blue Army, defended Boston. This force wore a band of blue cloth two and one-half inches wide around their campaign hats.

Company A left Wakefield, Saturday, August 14, at 7.23 a. m., for Boston where train was taken at North Station for South Sudbury. Here the cars were transferred to the N. Y., N. H. and H. System and proceeded to Bridgewater, arriving at 12.30 p. m. Baggage was unloaded and the Regiment marched east about four miles to Paper Mill Village, where camp was pitched on the side of a hill, shelter tents being used.

Sunday, Aug. 15, the Second Battalion Cos. A, C, H and G, under Major Warren E. Sweetser, marched from camp at 2.15 a. m. and with Company A as advance guard moved six miles southwest to Titicut, and pitched camp opposite the State Farm at day-break. Here outposts were formed.

Monday, Aug. 16, Company broke camp at 5.00 a. m., theoretically blew up the railroad bridge over the Taunton River, and formed outpost two miles south on the Middleboro road, connecting with the right flank of the 9th Regt. Patrols were thrown out. At 2 p. m., double shelter tents were pitched at the cross-roads at Namasket. A slight drizzle started in the afternoon which turned to rain making it very uncomfortable.

Tuesday, Aug. 17. Camp was broken at 4.30 a. m. and the company moved to its position of Monday, during a rain storm the men wearing rubber ponchos. At the railroad embankment a line of skirmishers was formed, the left connecting with the right of the 9th Regt. During this time the rain was coming down in torrents. Heavy firing was heard at intervals on our left. The rules of the maneuvers called for all movements to cease at 1.00 p. m. and for the troops to return to camp. Ac-

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cordingly the troops marched south toward Middleboro and by good fortune were quartered in a large barn. Roaring fires were built and the men tried to dry their clothing although it was still raining.

Wednesday, Aug. 18. Reveille was at 3 a. m. At 5 a. m. the company formed rear guard of the battalion, marching northeast toward Bridgewater, where the regiment was assembled, and continued as such during the remainder of the maneuvers. Passing through Bridgewater the regiment moved toward South Hanson Station and Bryantville. A forced march was in progress and halts were few. The weather had cleared. At 12.30 firing could be heard in front as the troops passed division headquarters. Orders came to move with all possible speed to reinforce the firing line and finally double time was taken up for about eight hundred yards. The company did splendidly, went into action behind a stone wall and continued a fire on the enemy until cease firing was sounded at 1.00 p. m. A distance of twenty miles had been covered with full field equipment. The regiment then moved back and made camp at Bryantville.

Thursday, Aug. 19. At 4.00 a. m. the regiment took up a strong position on the crest of a hill near Bryantville, opposite a line of woods about 600 yards away, occupied by the enemy. At 5 a. m. the whole First Brigade opened fire on the enemy causing them to retire toward Hanover Four Corners. At 8 a. m. the 1st Brigade left Bryantville and proceeded rapidly in the direction of Hanover Four Corners. On the way several flank attacks were made and after a march of about ten miles the Brigade reached the firing line at 12.15 noon and were deployed between the 8th and 9th Regts of Infantry. At 1 p. m. on completion of the maneuvers the enemy was occupying Hanover Four Corners while the Blue Army was attacking and covering all roads leading to the southwest and northwest thus ending the War Game of 1909. The regiment marched three miles and went into camp at South Hanover where they remained until Saturday, August 21st. At 7.30 a. m. the regiment marched to North Hanover where after a long delay troops were entrained, leaving at 11.15 a. m. The

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troops arrived at the North Station at 5.15 p. m. The company arrived at the armory at 6.00 p. m.

Conditions on these maneuvers were as near as possible those of actual war, the men carrying the complete field kit. Each company had one army wagon for baggage. A large number of working details were required but the men performed their duties with a very loyal spirit.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Oct. 13. The fifty-eighth anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 13, consisted of the usual target shoot at the range in the afternoon and banquet at the armory in the evening. Caterer Dill prepared one of his best spreads. Music was furnished by Lynn Cadet Orchestra. The drill shed was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting, and with the full dress military uniforms made a brilliant scene. About 275 were present. Rev. J. F. Meheran invoked the Divine blessing. The following were the speakers: Representative J. S. Bonney, Capt. J. H. McMahon, C. F. Hartshorne, Commander G. A. R.; J. F. Parker, Selectman; Col. E. J. Gihon, Commander in Chief, U. S. W. V.; Rev. W. S. Perkins, Capt. Lyman, U. S. M. C.; Col. John Caswell and Dr. C. L. Sopher. Mr. William L. Coon of Post 12 G. A. R. ably presided as toastmaster.

Oct. 25. The company received the gift of a Massachusetts Militia order of 1809 from Mr. A. A. Hawkes, father of Sgt. E. B. Hawkes.

Nov. 22. A meeting of the company was called at 8 p. m. to elect a first lieutenant and any other vacancies, Lt. H. G. Brockbank having resigned. Major Warren E. Sweetser presided. Lt. E. J. Connelly was unanimously elected First Lieutenant, and Sgt. Fred H. Rogers elected Second Lieutenant.

Dec. 20. The company voted to run a series of dances commencing January 5, 1910.

CHAPTER FOUR

1910

Jan. 27. Owing to the continued presence of small pox in Wakefield the U. S. Inspection was postponed and all drills and meetings of the company suspended until Feb. 14.

Feb. 14. Executive committee was given power to purchase the piano which the company had been renting from H. F. Miller Company.

Feb. 28. In accordance with order the members assembled on Monday evening for Federal Inspection by Major Elmore F. Taggart, 24th U. S. Infantry. There were present 3 officers and 47 men.

March 7. After regular meeting the members were shown stereopticon slides of scenes during annual encampments by Sgt. Edgar B. Hawkes.

PRIZE DRILL

March 30. At the armory on Wednesday evening the Annual Prize Drill and Presentation of Marksman's decorations occurred. There was a large attendance, delegations being present Post 12 G. A. R., Camp 39, U. S. W. V. and Ladies' Auxiliary of Camp 39. Prizes were awarded by Col. Edward J. Gihon, Commander in Chief of the Spanish War Veterans, who also presented the marksman's decorations won in 1909.

April 25. On Monday evening the company assembled for the Annual State Inspection by Major James H. Smyth of the Gen. Staff. Present 3 officers and 53 enlisted men.

May 8. Sgt. Edgar B. Hawkes was appointed first sergeant.

May 30. Company in full dress uniforms acted as escort to Post 12, G. A. R.

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June 13. On Monday Company A proceeded to Marlboro and took part with the 6th Regt. in the parade incident to the celebration of the 125th anniversary of that city.

June 14. The company assembled on Tuesday evening and went to Melrose by special electric and attended the Flag Day Exercises held by the Melrose B. P. O. Elks in the city auditorium.



Maj. Fred H. Rogers

1st Lt. Co. A, 6th Mass. Inf., N. G.
Promoted Capt. 101st Ammunition Train.
Promoted Major 101st Ammunition
Train, World War

ENCAMPMENT

July 23 to July 30. The State Encampment was held at South Framingham. Company left Wakefield on the 7.23 a. m. train for Boston where a special electric car was taken to South Framingham. Here the regiment was assembled and marched

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to the camp grounds at 11 a. m. On Wednesday, July 27th, the first battalion acting as a red army marched about two miles northwest and camped on the Perry Farm, where patrols were sent out to locate the position of the remainder of the regiment known as the blue army. The problem was for the first battalion to defend the camp grounds until the supplies which were stored there could be removed. At 8.30 a. m., Thursday, July 28, the blue army opened fire on our outpost and a spirited engagement took place until "cease firing" was sounded at 10.30 a. m. The first battalion had successfully held their own and thus enabled the supplies to be removed. The regiment was then marched back to camp in time for dinner.

On Friday, July 29, companies were instructed in the construction of trenches in the morning and in the afternoon the regiment was reviewed by Lt. Gov. Frothingham.

The other days at camp were taken up with close and extended order drills and evening parades.

Saturday, July 30, the company arrived in Wakefield at 1.00 p. m., after a very instructive tour of duty.

Sept. 10. On Saturday afternoon the 1st BN. went to Salem on special electric cars and pitched camp at Forest River Park on the shore near Marblehead. A short battalion drill took place. Sunday morning was devoted to tactical walks which were very interesting. At 3 p. m., camp was broken and after an address by the regimental chaplain the battalion left for home. Company A arrived in Wakefield at 5.30 p. m.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Oct. 18. Fifty-ninth Anniversary of the Richardson Light Guard was celebrated on Tuesday. The target shoot was held at the Bay State Range in the afternoon. The banquet was served by Caterer Dill at the armory in the evening. Over 200 attended. All the military officers and enlisted men wore the full dress uniform and with the delicate evening gowns of the ladies made a brilliant setting. Rev. William T. O'Connor asked the blessing. Mr. Harris M. Dolbeare performed the duties of toastmaster in a very efficient manner. The following speakers

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responded to toasts:—Cong. Ernest W. Roberts, Col. Joshua D. Upton, J. Fred Parker, Selectman; W. D. Deadman, Post 12 G. A. R., Commander S. E. Ryder, U. S. W. V., and Capt. James H. Criggs, a past member of the Richardson Light Guard.

Dec. 12. The company voted to purchase a trophy not to exceed \$25.00 in cost to commemorate the bowling championship of the town of Wakefield for 1909-1910, won by Company A.



Co. A Officers, 1911, in Full Dress Uniform

Left to right: 1st Lt. Edward J. Connelly, Capt. John H. McMahon, 2nd Lt. Fred H. Rogers

1911

Jan. 10. Major Elmore F. Taggart, 24th U. S. Inf., inspected the company at the armory on Tuesday evening. Present 3 officers and 53 enlisted men. Total strength 3 officers and 60 enlisted men. This was the annual Federal inspection.

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EXHIBITION DRILL

Feb. 27. A special exhibition drill and presentation of marksman's decorations took place on Monday evening at the armory. The drill consisted of close and extended order movements followed by a guard mount. After the drill Capt. Stuart W. Wise, Ordinance Dept. M. V. M., presented the members with rifle and revolver decorations won in 1910. Refreshments were served following which a basket ball game between a team composed of members of the company and the Reading Independents was played. The company won by a score of 19 to 17.

March 6. At the meeting it was announced that Mr. Henry A. Feindel, a good friend of the company, had offered two aggregate prizes in each class in the indoor shooting for the month of March.

March 27. The State Inspection by Major Harry L. Brown Insp. Gen. Dept., was held on Monday evening. Present 3 officers and 56 enlisted men, out of a total strength of 3 officers and 59 enlisted men.

April 10. Col. Edward J. Gihon gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the Panama Canal and the raising of the Battleship Maine.

REGIMENTAL PARADE

April 19. The members of Company A went to Lowell and took part in the Regimental drill and parade, the occasion being the Fiftieth Anniversary of the march of the 6th Mass. Regt. through Baltimore, Maryland, in 1861. After the parade a regimental drill was held on the South Common. Capt. John H. McMahon commanded the 1st Btn. in the absence of Maj. Warren E. Sweetser who was ill. Present 3 officers and 51 enlisted men.

April 28. A large gathering of Fine Members and friends of the company witnessed the annual prize drill on Friday evening. Mr. George E. Walker, Chairman of Selectmen, awarded the prizes after which dancing was enjoyed. Music was by the Lynn Cadet Orchestra.

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May 30. At the exercises of Post 12 G. A. R. the company made a fine appearance.

ARMORY BURNED

July 6. About 7.00 p. m. a terrible electric storm broke over the town and a few minutes later lightning struck the Cutler Block setting it on fire, and despite the great amount of rain, the building was soon a roaring mass of flames. It was evident that the armory would be destroyed and members of the company who



Ruins of Old Armory and Cutler Building Fire, July 6, 1911
Looking toward location of present State Armory

had quickly assembled, together with local Spanish War Veterans, immediately hastened to save government property and valuable trophies belonging to the company. The property was taken across the street to Mr. Hughes' concrete garage and stored there. By the time the flames spread to the armory nearly everything of value had been removed, except property stored in the attic.

The Cutler Block was entirely destroyed and the entire upper story of the armory and most of the drill shed was burned. Help was summoned from Melrose, Stoneham and Reading. The fire

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was not under control until 11.00 p. m. On July 7 the property was collected and transferred to two rooms in the Taylor Building, where company quarters were established. Articles which were not used frequently were stored in the basement of the Town Hall.

July 9. A tactical walk for officers and non-commissioned officers was conducted by Major Warren E. Sweetser at Wilmington.

FIELD SERVICE

July 23 to July 30. The company assembled at the quarters in the Taylor Building on Sunday to perform eight days' field service in connection with the maneuvers in Middlesex and Essex Counties. The company left Wakefield on the 9.02 a. m. train for Boston and proceeded to Bennett Hall Station, Billerica. The problem was the defense of Boston from an attack on the North by the Red Army. The blue army, of which the 6th Regt. was a part, camped at Billerica Sunday where the guard duty was performed by Company A.

Monday, July 24th, at 6 a. m., the blue army marched over the Billerica-Pattenville road to the Lowell-Reading turnpike, then northerly to Livingstone Street, to the State Almshouse, where camp was pitched on the hill southeast of the state buildings, during a heavy rainstorm. The weather cleared in the afternoon.

Tuesday, July 25. The 1st Battalion of the 6th Regt. relieved companies of the 2nd Inf., on outpost duty two miles north-east of the State Farm. Company A furnished an advance post on the railroad track to the northeast and sent a patrol to Andover and return.

Wednesday, July 26. The 1st Battalion became right flank guard marching parallel to the main blue army through Ballardvale, past the Andover Seminary, and over Pine Hill to Lawrence-Middleton turnpike. Company A formed the advanced party. At the turnpike firing was heard to the south and the company after a wait was later marched north on the turnpike to the camp of the blue army at Frye Village, North Andover.

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Thursday, July 27. At 8.00 a. m. the blue army marched through North Andover center to north of Great Pond and northeast of Hovey's and Chadwick's Ponds to camp ground north of Dead Hill, arriving at 1.00 p. m. The red army were in camp east of Hovey's Pond and indications pointed to a battle the following day.

Friday, July 28. The blue army moved in two columns northeast toward Newburyport with the 1st Battalion 6th Inf. forming rear guard for the southern column. Fighting a rear guard action against the red 8th Inf., the column fell back slowly. A heavy rainstorm started about 9 a. m. The action continued despite the downpour until 1 p. m., when shelter was sought. After a most discouraging experience the company was quartered in a barn in West Newbury. Everyone was exhausted and chilled from the cold driving rain.

For the first time auto trucks were used as an experiment instead of the usual mule drawn escort wagons. The 1st Battalion truck train carrying the blanket rolls, men's blouses, and cooking outfits, became lost on Thursday, causing a most uncomfortable night in camp, the men having only their shelter halves to protect them from the elements. That, together with Friday's experience, made a situation as bad as conditions in actual warfare.

In the barn the men took off their clothing and burroughed in the hay to keep warm until the clothing partly dried.

Saturday, July 29. Owing to the weather conditions maneuvers were not resumed until 11.00 a. m. The 1st Bn. marched northeast to the Newburyport Fair Grounds and rejoined the rest of the regiment in camp. At this time the truck reported with the blankets and blouses which had been needed so much. At noon the troops marched to their positions on roads south and southeast of the city for the final defense of Newburyport. Spirited action continued during the afternoon until the maneuvers were officially terminated about 5.15 p. m. the battalion at this time holding a line along the railroad, between the red army and the city. All the troops returned to the Fair Grounds and remained there that evening.

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Sunday, July 30. At 8.15 the regiment marched four miles southwest and entrained at 11.20 a. m., returning to Wakefield over the Newburyport Branch at 12.15 p. m. This tour was the most severe and trying ever undertaken by the National Guard of Massachusetts.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Oct. 25. The Sixtieth Anniversary of the Richardson Light Guard was observed with a target shoot in the afternoon and banquet in the evening at the Grand Army Hall. This was an informal affair, owing to the armory having been destroyed by fire. Capt. George M. Tompson presented the prizes. An entertainment was provided from talent among the company members. Capt. Tompson and Postmaster Dearborn spoke informally for the Fine Members. A new gold medal for marksmen class was presented to the company by Gen. Greenleaf A. Goodale, of Wakefield. This medal to remain the property of the company, and a bronze retainer to be awarded to the winner each year.

Drills during this period were held in the Town Hall.

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Jan. 5. "Rendezvous" Drills were inaugurated this month. The conditions—45 men must be present at each drill in order to qualify for pay allowed which was ninety cents per drill for privates, a supervising officer, not of the company, to be present at each drill.

LAWRENCE STRIKE

Jan. 29 to Feb. 14. Serious civil disturbances occurred in connection with a strike of the workers in various textile mills in Lawrence which made it necessary to call upon the Militia to preserve law and order in this city. The first troops called on January 8th were placed under command of Col. E. Leroy Sweetser, 8th Inf. M. V. M. Fresh disturbances on January 29th caused an order for twelve more companies to report. Capt. McMahon at 3.10 p. m. received a telephone order from the

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Adjutant General's office to assemble Company A and await orders. Squad leaders notified their men using their alarm list and the men assembled at the Taylor Building. The men donned the service uniform and overcoats. Shelter tent, blanket and poncho were in collar roll.

The company was marched to the Town Hall and the men instructed as to their duties and the seriousness of the situation.



**Co. A Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers at Lawrence,
January, 1912**

Kneeling, left to right: 1st Sgt. Hawkes, Sgt. Stark, Cpl. Sweetser, Sgt. Farnham, Cpl. Murray, Sgt. Findlay, Cpl. Evans.

Standing, left to right: Sgt. Baxter, Cpl. Creedon, 1st Lt.

Connelly, 2nd Lt. Rogers, Capt. McMahon, Cpl. Hickey,
Cpl. Qualters

Twenty rounds of guard ammunition were issued to each man and the rifles loaded and locked. Three officers and forty-eight men entrained at 8.31 p. m. at the upper station. Lawrence was reached at 9.20 p. m. The battalion under Major W. E. Sweetser formed at the station and marched through the snow to Essex Street to the armory on Amesbury Street. Heavy snow was falling during this march.

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Companies A and H were assigned quarters in the armory as a reserve battalion.

There were now twenty-two companies of infantry and two troops of cavalry under command of Col. E. LeRoy Sweetser in the city.

Companies A and H alternated on guard duty around the armory and the streets in the immediate vicinity. Bayonets were always fixed and greatest vigilance exacted.

The weather conditions were severe, the temperature being below zero a number of days. When not on guard duty troops drilled and attended school. One platoon was held always in readiness and in the event of any trouble rushed on auto trucks to points in the city. On January 30 the strength was 3 officers and 58 enlisted men which was our total enrollment throughout the tour of fifteen days' duty. Stocking caps, mittens and overshoes were issued by the State, and cots furnished in the drill shed. Cooking was done on large gas ranges in the armory, the men using their mess kits at meals.

On January 31 Lt. Rogers with sixteen men were sent on special guard at the jail where the strike leader Ettor was detained. On Feb. 1 the company patrolled the common and adjoining streets. Friday, Feb. 2 at 8.45 p. m. Lt. Connelly and ten men were rushed by truck to Lowell and Valley Streets where four murders had been committed and crowds had congregated. The men were recalled at 10.00 p. m. and the entire company held under arms until 11.00 p. m.

Sunday, Feb. 4, church services were held in the armory by Rev. Father Regan and by Chaplain of the 6th Inf.

Monday, Feb. 5. Company A furnished a guard at the Public Library and at the Electric Light Station during change of troops. The city was becoming quieter but guard duty was not relaxed. The regular Federal Inspection of Company A was held on Saturday, Feb. 10th, by 1st Lt. Butcher, U. S. Army. Due to the drills of the past week the company made an excellent showing. Church services were held on Sunday, Feb. 11th. On Monday, Feb. 12, the men received pay for fifteen days' service.

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Companies A and H left at 3.00 p. m. by special electric cars for their home stations. This was the longest tour of duty the company had ever performed and was the first time the Richardson Light Guard had been called to perform duty of this nature. Great credit is due for the intelligent and efficient manner in which Company A conducted itself.

April 25. The regular State Inspection this year was held in the Town Hall. Inspecting officer, Lt. Col. John S. Barrows, M. V. M. There were 3 officers and 48 enlisted men present.

May 24. The annual prize drill also took place in the town hall this year. After the drill dancing was enjoyed by the large gathering present until 12 o'clock.

May 6. In accordance with the laws and regulations governing the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia the Captains hereafter become treasurers of their respective company funds, and are held responsible for same.

June 29. On this date the company left Wakefield at 4.30 p. m. on electric car for an outing at Billerica on Concord River, arriving there about 7.00 p. m. Shelter tent camp was pitched. The next day was spent in general recreation, playing ball, swimming and athletic sports. The company left for home on June 30th about 4.30 p. m., arriving at Wakefield 6.30 p. m.

July 27. On Saturday, this date, the company assembled at 1.00 p. m. at the Taylor Building to take cars for a battalion drill at Tewksbury. Uniform worn—Olive Drab with campaign hat, shelter tent, canteen and haversack were carried. The company left for home at 5.30 p. m. on special electrics.

CAMP DUTY

Aug. 11-Aug. 18. Three officers and fifty-one men left at 6.45 a. m. for the annual tour of duty which this year was held as part of the maneuvers in Connecticut. The train left South Station at 9.00 a. m. and arrived at Derby, Conn., at 5.15 p. m. Details at once commenced unloading baggage from cars, while a large gathering of spectators looked on. The unloading was quickly done and the regiment marched to Orange, five miles southeast

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of Derby, arriving at 7.45 p. m. and pitching camp immediately. Major Warren E. Sweetser being ill, Capt. McMahon commanded the 1st Battalion. Lt. Edward J. Connelly commanded the company during the maneuvers. The problem consisted of an attack by a blue army which had landed on the shores of Connecticut with the intention of cutting off the water supply of New York City on the north.

Monday, Aug. 12. The 6th Regt. of the Red Army worked out a problem of their own which consisted of an attack by the 1st and 2nd battalions on a wagon train defended by the third battalion. The weather was very hot. In an adjacent field a regiment of New York troops were camped, most of whom seemed to be men of middle age in contrast to the much younger appearance of our own men.

Tuesday, Aug. 13. The regiment broke camp at 7.30 a. m. and marched through Derby on the Derby-Bridgeport road, to Shelton to Huntington a distance of eleven miles. Company A acted as advance guard to the column and at 2.00 p. m. the point met a small detachment of the enemy who fired about fifty shots and then fell back. Our brigade commander assumed we were close to the enemy and went into camp at Huntington. The first battalion which had furnished the advance guard now formed outposts for the night. Company A covered their front with three cossack posts.

Wednesday, Aug. 14. Camp was broken at 6.00 a. m., Company A remaining on outpost on main road until 11.00 a. m. when the battalion was rejoined. After Company D, which was five miles away, had joined the column march was continued for about nine miles most of which was uphill and as it was a very hot day this made marching very fatiguing. Lower White Hills was reached at 5 p. m. Owing to the high elevation the wagon train had a very difficult time in making the steep grade and it became necessary for them to add an extra team of horses to each wagon in order to reach the top. From the camp the country could be viewed for many miles showing beautiful scenery. The water necessary for drinking and cooking had to be carried considerable distance to camp.

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Thursday, Aug. 15. On account of the previous hard day's march the regiment remained in camp to allow the men to rest. At 5.15 p. m. the company formed for inspection by a regular army officer. So far the weather had been hot but pleasant.

Friday, Aug. 16. At 6 a. m. the regiment started on the longest march of the maneuvers about fourteen miles and went into camp at a small town on the railroad by the name of Sandy Hook. As this march was mostly down hill the conditions were not so trying as on the previous march. Camp was pitched at 1.30 p. m. and haversack lunch consumed, consisting of canned salmon and hard bread. A most interesting sight was the work of the artillery, there being about fifty guns and cassions. In the evening there were several band concerts. Here the red army mobilized for one final attack on the blue army the following day. The red army was about five miles away from the enemy's left flank.

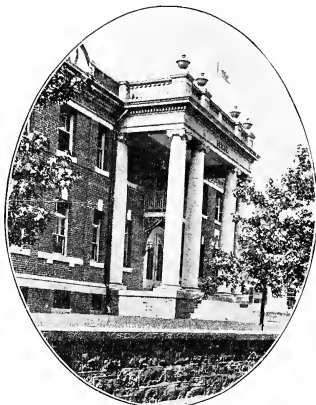
Saturday, Aug. 17. At 7.00 a. m. the red army moved to attack the enemy. In a short time the firing of artillery was heard and soon after the battalion formed for attack. After climbing two stone walls and two wooden fences, line of skirmishers was formed and firing commenced against the center of the blue army's line. Company A held their formations splendidly throughout the entire battle. After half an hour of steady firing the recall sounded and the battle of 1912 was over. The regiment then marched to Hawleyville where camp was pitched. Camp pay was received that evening putting men in the best of spirits. The company cooks on this tour performed their work wonderfully well.

Sunday, Aug. 18. This day it rained hard. Camp was broken at 7.00 a. m. and the station at Hawleyville reached at 7.45 a. m. Details loaded the wagons on flat cars and after the baggage was put on the train, start was made at 10.20 for Boston. South Station was reached at 6.30 p. m. and company marched to North Station for Wakefield train, arriving at armory about 8.00 p. m.

For the first time airships were used in Maneuvers and made a most interesting spectacle.

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Oct. 9. The annual fall field day this year consisted of a target shoot only, the banquet being omitted owing to the coming dedication exercises. The prizes were awarded at the next regular meeting of the company.



**Front of New
State Armory, 1913**

IN NEW ARMORY

Dec. 16. The first drill in the new armory was held on this evening, although the property was moved from Curley's Block which had been occupied from the first of August the company having been obliged to move from Taylor Building due to lease of quarters. The upper floor of the Curley Block was used for the storage of property only, drills being suspended.

CHAPTER FIVE

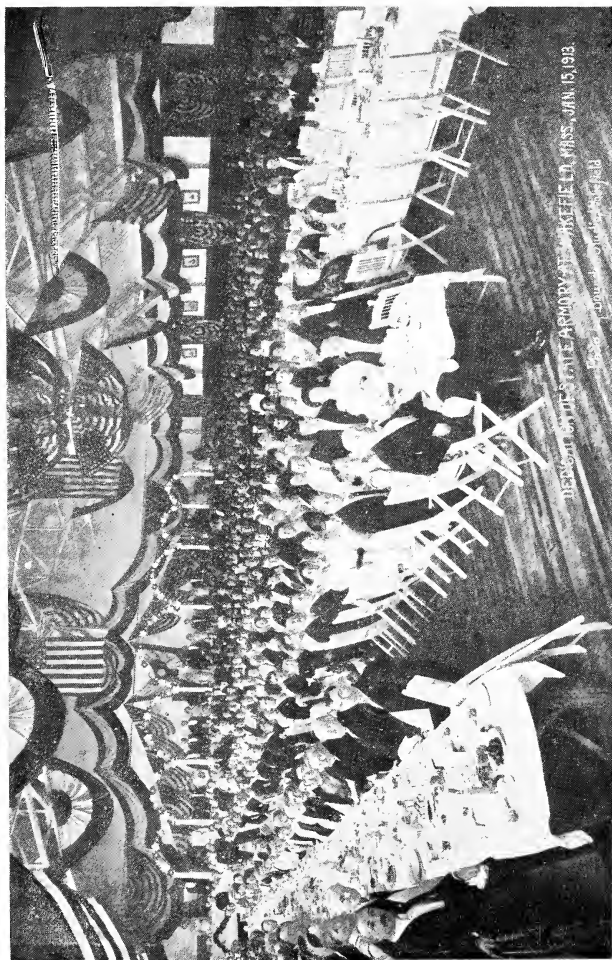
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DEDICATION OF STATE ARMORY

Jan. 15. The most brilliant event in the history of the Richardson Light Guard was the dedication in the presence of over five hundred people of Company A's imposing new home. The State Armory built of brick, facing Main Street at the corner of Armory Street, and adjoining the old Cyrus Wakefield estate is unique in type, the front being of colonial design, the only one in the State. In front of the building there was a driveway leading to the Wakefield Estate and several large elm trees. Later when the New High School was built the trees were removed and the driveway was lowered to the new street level to conform with the grading of the new school. The stone wall in front of the armory was also removed and in its place a privet hedge was substituted.

The chief guest of honor was His Excellency, Eugene N. Foss, Gov. of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, accompanied by Adjutant General Gardner W. Pearson. Over one hundred officers prominent in military life were present.

A short reception to Gov. Foss was held in the Company Recreation Room which was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns and bunting. In the receiving line were Captain John H. McMahon, Miss Nellie McMahon, Lt. and Mrs. Edward J. Connelly, Lt. and Mrs. Fred H. Rogers, Col. J. Payson Bradley, Past Dept. Commander Mass. G. A. R., and Solon O. Richardson, Wakefield. The reception lasted about thirty minutes after which the guests sat down to a fine banquet. Jesse A. Dill of Melrose was caterer. Rev. John F. Meheran of St. Joseph's Church asked the Divine blessing. After the banquet, Capt. John H. McMahon introduced Col. Edward J. Gihon, a past commander of Company A,



DEDICATION BANQUET STATE ARMORY, WAKEFIELD, MASS., JAN. 15, 1913.
Elevated Head Table at Rear of Armory

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who officiated as toastmaster in an admirable manner. Col. Gihon, who commanded the company in the Spanish American War, spoke of the history of the company and of its wonderful record in rifle shooting. After the Lynn Cadet Band played the Star Spangled Banner the toastmaster presented Gov. Foss, who praised the Massachusetts Militia as being the most efficient in the country and complimenting the military officers for their co-operation. Adj. Gen. Pearson followed and spoke in glowing terms of Company A's record of efficiency.



Hall Clock presented to Co. A
by George F. Lucas, 1913

George E. Walker, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen responded to the toast, "Town of Wakefield" and referred in his remarks to the wonderful military record of the town and the standard set by the present members of the Richardson Light Guard. Col. J. Payson Bradley, the next speaker, waxed eloquent in the vivid description of the work done by the G. A. R. in the Civil War.

Solon O. Richardson, Jr., came from Toledo, Ohio, to speak for the Richardson family regarding their great interest in the town's military company. His closing pledge to keep up his in-

terest in the organization though far distant, was received with appreciative applause. Rev. William F. Dusseault, Chaplain in Chief of the U. S. W. V., delivered a stirring address. William P. Shepard made the closing address speaking in behalf of the R. L. G. Fine Members Association in place of Hon. S. K. Hamilton who had been injured a few days previous.

Seated at the principal head table on the platform were the following: Gov. Foss, Gen. and Mrs. Pearson, Col. E. J. Gihon and niece, Miss Mullaley of Stoneham, Gen. Pierce of Greenfield, Gen. and Mrs. Greenleaf A. Goodale, Chairman Walker of the Selectmen and Mrs. Walker, Col. Bradley, Chaplain Dusseault, Gen. William B. Emery of the Armory Commission, Gen. P. Frank Packard, M. V. M., and Mrs. Packard, Capt. John H. McMahon and Miss Nellie McMahon, Lt. and Mrs. Edward J. Connelly, Lt. and Mrs. Fred H. Rogers, Capt. George M. Tompson, Col. Edward J. Logan of 9th Regt. and lady, Rev. John F. Meheran, Col. and Mrs. E. LeRoy Sweetser, Col. and Mrs. Frank F. Cutting, Solon O. Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Solon O. Richardson, Jr., of Toledo, Ohio. Col. George H. Priest of the 6th Regt. was unable to attend on account of illness. Especially interesting was the presence of George Cox, Henry L. Eaton, William S. Arrington, three of the four living charter members of the R. L. G.

Jan. 20, 1913. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a trip of Company members to Washington in March to attend the Inauguration.

Feb. 15. The Washington Club of the Company held a sacred concert at the Princess Theatre, the proceeds being added to the expense fund of the Washington Trip.

Feb. 17. The armory was opened to public inspection. The company in command of Capt. John H. McMahon gave a special drill after which about one thousand spectators were escorted through the armory by officers and company members.

March 1. Eighteen members of Company A under the command of Capt. John H. McMahon left for Washington to take part in the inaugural exercises of President Wilson. The trip was by the way of Fall River Line to New York and Penn. Railroad to Washington. The members were quartered at Mrs. Johnson's residence, 320 Indiana Ave., N. W. On Tuesday they took part in the inaugural parade, the Massachusetts representatives being the sixth State in column. The company remained until Thursday morning sight seeing when they left for home returning by the same route, arriving Friday morning about 10.30.

March 10. Company A assembled at the Armory on this evening for the annual State Inspection. Lt. Col. Frank A

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Graves, 8th Inf., M. V. M. Asst. Inspector General, was the inspecting officer. There were three officers and 48 enlisted men present.

March 17. It was voted the clerk's salary be raised from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per year.

March 21. On this evening the annual federal inspection was held by Lt. J. R. McGinness, U. S. A. Present three officers and 53 enlisted men.

May 12. The Richardson Light Guard held their annual prize drill on this date. Prizes were awarded by Lt. Col. Robinson. After the drill dancing was enjoyed until 12 o'clock.

May 19. A surprise state inspection of the Company was made by Col. John Barrows, Inspector, no notice having been given.

May 25. The members of this command acted as escort to Camp 39, U. S. W. V., at their memorial exercises in Forest Glade Cemetery, in connection with the dedication of their monument, Chapman's Band of Reading furnishing the music.

May 30. The Company in full dress uniform performed the usual escort duty to Post 12, G. A. R., in their Memorial Day exercises.

June 14. Flag Day exercises were held by the Wakefield Lodge of Elks on this evening in the Town Hall, preceded by a short parade in which the Company took part, under Lt. E. J. Connelly. Capt. John J. McMahon was chief marshal of the parade.

June 23. Lt. M. D. Bryant, Regimental Surgeon, gave anti-typhoid inoculation to thirty-eight members, and on July 5 gave the second inoculation.

July 19. Thirty members of Company A journeyed to Billerica on Cotter's Express truck for a one night's camp. The object of this short camp was the instruction of new men in pitching sheltered tents and camp routine. The camp was made on the banks of the Concord River.

July 27. Three officers and 56 enlisted men of Company A left for annual tour of camp duty at Mattapoisett, Mass. A special electric car was taken in front of the armory for South Station where train was taken at 9.15 a. m., arriving at Mattapoisett at 11.45. Regimental camp was pitched about 100 yards from the shore of Mattapoisett Harbor where excellent bathing was enjoyed by the men during their stay here. The regiment remained here five days engaged in close and extended order drills during the morning. The afternoon work consisted of officers and non-coms. schools, guard mount and evening parade. On

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Friday morning the regiment broke camp at 8.00 a. m. and was transported from Mattapoisett to Myricks, via trolley to New Bedford and train to Myricks. From here the regiment marched to Lakeville, south of Middleboro, where camp was pitched. Saturday at 6.00 a. m. the regiment marched toward Middleboro with Company A acting as advance guard to meet the enemy, consisting of the 5th, 8th and 9th regiments called the Blue Army. The Red Army consisted of the 2nd and 6th regiments and troops of calvary from Connecticut. As Company A entered the town of Middleboro, they were fired on by the enemy and a spirited battle took place for about two hours in the vicinity of the railroad. The regiment then marched four miles to South Middleboro and made camp about 2.00 p. m. On Sunday morning, August 3rd, the regiment broke camp at 7.00 a. m. entrained for home, the Company arriving in Wakefield about 2.30 p. m.

Oct. 9. The 62nd anniversary was celebrated on this date, with a target shoot at the Bay State Range at 2 p. m. and a banquet at the armory at 8 p. m. About three hundred were present including the ladies at the banquet, caterer Jesse A. Dill. Rev. John F. Meheran asked the divine blessing. After a brief welcome by Capt. John H. McMahon, town treasurer George E. Walker was introduced as toastmaster. The speakers of the evening were Chairman Frank A. Long, Board of Selectmen, Rep. Charles A. Dean, Com. Dennis W. McCarthy, Post 12, G. A. R., Com. Thomas M. Croke, U. S. W. V., Adj. George H. S. Driver, Post 12, G. A. R., and Rev. James J. Cogan of the Episcopal Church.

Nov. 27. A Thanksgiving Day hop at the armory proved a big success. The floor in the drill hall had been put in excellent condition by a sanding machine and thoroughly waxed. About 150 couples were present in the afternoon, and 250 couples in the evening. Music was by Trentwell's Full Orchestra from Somerville. Dancing was from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. and from 7 p. m. to 11 p. m.

Dec. 1. Q. M. Sgt. James H. Keough was commissioned Captain in the Ordnance Dept. and assigned as Inspector of small arms practice of the 6th regiment Infantry. A story of Capt. Keough's activities in rifle work will be found in another chapter and will prove of much interest.

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Jan. 30. 1st Lt. John R. McGinness, U. S. Inf., conducted the federal inspection of the company at 8.15 p. m. Much at-

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tention was given to squad work. Present three officers and 49 enlisted men. Field service uniform, O. D. shirts, and tan shoes were worn.

Under instructions from the Adj. General's office, companies were allowed to hold ten "rendezvous drills". The conditions called for an attendance of 40 men at each drill. Pay of \$.90 for each drill was allowed. As a new venture these drills were not successful but later proved to be.

March 23. Lt. Col. James A. Cully, inspecting officer, conducted the annual state inspection of the Company at 8.00 p. m., present three officers, 44 men. Service uniform was worn.

April 20. A patriotic assembly held at the armory was a social success, about 150 couples being present. Dancing was from 8.00 until 1 a. m., music by Treadwell's Orchestra of ten pieces. Company A was assisted by Post 12 G. A. R., Camp 39, U. S. W. V., Sons of Veterans, Wakefield High School Cadets, and affiliated ladies' auxiliaries.

May 24. As in the past two years, Company A performed escort duty to Camp 39, U. S. W. V., at their memorial exercises in Forest Glade Cemetery. Assembly was at 2.30 p. m. at armory. The column marched up Main Street to Salem Street, Vernon and Lowell Streets to cemetery. On return to the armory a splendid collation was served.

May 25. The annual prize drill took place at 8.30 p. m. After the drill, dancing was enjoyed until 11.30. Music was by the American Orchestra of Wakefield.

May 30. The Company made a splendid showing with six full squads under Capt. John H. McMahon at the Memorial Day services of Post 12, G. A. R. As in previous years, the column marched up Main Street to the Soldiers' Monument on the Common where the exercises took place and then to the old and new cemeteries where the graves were decorated. On return to G. A. R. hall, the customary collation was served.

June 8. Lt. M. D. Bryant gave the first anti-typhoid inoculation to the new men.

June 13. In accordance with orders, Company A left Wakefield at 10.30 a. m. for Concord, Mass., to take part with the regiment in the burial services of the late commander of the 6th regiment, Col. Cyrus H. Cook. Capt. John H. McMahon was

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battalion commander and 1st Lt. E. J. Connelly commanded Company A. The regiment escorted the remains from the residence through the center of the town to the church where services were held. The escort then proceeded to Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Concord, Mass., where the body was interred. The 2nd battalion fired the usual three volleys after which taps was blown. The Company arrived back at Wakefield at 7.40 p. m.

June 15. On account of vacancy of Major in the 1st battalion, Capt. John H. McMahon was detailed as acting major until election was held, and Lt. Edward J. Connelly placed in command of Company A.

June 15. Company A donated the sum of \$10.00 toward a fund for a memorial tablet to the late Colonel Cyrus H. Cook.

July 5. The Company left Wakefield at 7.30 a. m., Sunday, by trolley to South Station to take train to Middleboro for the annual tour of camp duty, July 5 to July 12, inclusive. The camp was situated midway between Middleboro and Lakeville known as the Joe Hooker camp grounds used for mustering purposes in 1861. Camp was reached at 1.00 p. m. and the new large army tents were immediately pitched. Lt. E. J. Connelly had command of Company A during the tour and Capt. John H. McMahon commanded the 1st battalion. The military instructions at this camp were under the direction of regular army officers and the camp was under the command of Col. Morton of the regular army. The program included schools for officers and Non-Coms in the morning, drills in close and extended order in the afternoon. Advance guard instruction was also taken up and sham battles helped to vary the usual routine. On Friday a review was given to Governor David I. Walsh. The governor inspected the cook houses and paid a compliment to company A for having the best on the field. The other companies were instructed to visit Company A's cook house and adopt the arrangements as a model. Saturday a new feature took place. The four companies in each battalion were combined into the company representing a war-strength unit. Lts. Edward J. Connelly and Fred H. Rogers of Company A had the experience of drilling this

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large company. After the regular evening parade, the company in heavy marching order was inspected by regular army officers. During this tour Company A had the record of no one reporting for illness. Sunday morning the Company broke camp at 6.00 and trolley taken to Middleboro, where they entrained for Boston, arriving there at 8.45 a. m. and returning to Wakefield at 10.30 by special electric car.



Co. A on Maneuvers

At Lakeville, near Middleboro, 1914, with 1st Battalion, 6th Mass. Inf., Co. A, leading, in command of 1st Lt. Connelly
Maj. McMahon on left in foreground with Bn. Adj. Downes

MAJOR McMAHON

August 15. Capt. McMahon, who had been in command of the first battalion for some time, was elected Major unanimously by the officers of the Sixth Regiment.

This officer who commanded Co. A for twelve years was one of the best liked leaders the company ever had. Under his direction the company maintained a consistent high standard in its work. The Captain, himself an expert shot, gave much attention to keeping the company at the head of the regiment in rifle

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shooting and was a member of Co. A's team. He has won numerous medals.

Major McMahon had seen continuous service with the company since June 5, 1893 and served with it during the Spanish-American War taking part in the action at Quánica, Porto Rico. He became Second Lieutenant June 12, 1899, and Captain, Feb. 24, 1902.

The Major has served as military instructor in the High Schools of Wakefield, Stoneham and Woburn. He is a distinguished marksman and an expert rifle and revolver marksman.

September 21. 1st Lt. Edward J. Connelly was elected Captain at a meeting presided over by Major John H. McMahon, assisted by Lt. Geo. M. Downes. 2nd Lt. Fred H. Rogers was elected 1st Lt. and 1st Sgt. Edgar B. Hawkes elected 2nd Lt. At this meeting the company voted to purchase special Richardson Light Guard bronze medals for the company rifle team and a bar for each of the past four years.

Oct. 7. The 63rd annual field day was celebrated with the usual success. The target shoot took place at the Rifle Range in the afternoon. At the banquet in the evening 325 were present, including ladies. The hall was tastefully decorated. Rev. Francis D. Taylor of the Methodist Church asked the blessing. Capt. Edward J. Connelly welcomed the guests and introduced as toastmaster Town Treasurer George E. Walker, who presided in a charming manner. The speakers of the evening were: Gen. E. Leroy Sweetser of Everett, Commander of the 2nd Brigade, Col. Warren E. Sweetser, 6th Regiment, Capt. Frederic B. Bauer, 8th Regiment, Forest A. Seavey, Chairman of Selectmen, Rev. Florence J. Halloran of St. Joseph's Church, and Col. Edward J. Gihon. The American Orchestra furnished the music and Jesse A. Dill of Melrose was caterer.

Nov. 23. After an exhibition drill by the Company, a motion picture program of camp scenes, Salem fire, and work of the Mass. State militia was arranged for the entertainment of 250 friends of the Company. Lt. Col. Fred R. Robinson gave a talk describing the different scenes and reviewed the work of the militia for the past twenty-five years. The moving picture machine.

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and the steel booth were owned by the State and were used to stimulate interest and recruiting in the volunteer militia.

Dec. 7. Mr. William J. Pellisier of Greenwood, a former member of Company L of the 5th regiment of Malden, gave a very interesting entertainment to the Company consisting of sleight-of-hand tricks and magic which was very much enjoyed.

Dec. 21. Lt. Col. Damon accompanied by Major John H. McMahon inspected the company on this evening. There were three officers and 55 enlisted men present.

CHAPTER SIX

1915

At the beginning of this year, Capt. Connelly planned an extensive program which continued until the war in 1917. Regular drills, schools for non-coms, rendezvous drills, indoor shooting, basket ball, athletic events, rifle qualification, and social affairs kept officers and men extremely busy but produced wonderful results bringing the company to its highest standard and leading the regiment in all around efficiency.

Jan. 7. A test was made on this date to determine the readiness of the company to respond to a hurry call. Major McMahon of the First Battalion issued an order for the captain to assemble his company. This was received about 4 p. m. and the members were notified at their various places of employment by telephone. At 8 p. m. the company assembled for inspection with 46 men and 3 officers, several men reporting later—a very satisfactory showing.

Jan. 11. The new Richardson Light Guard medals were presented to the members of the rifle teams of 1911, 12, 13, 14 after the regular drill. It was considered a big honor to be eligible for these medals as a man had to show considerable skill in order to make the teams which in Company A were far above the average. Lieut.-Col. Fred R. Robinson after congratulatory remarks presented the medals. Major McMahon, Capt. Keough, and Corp. Sweetser told of early experiences in rifle shooting of Company A.

Jan. 22. Friday evening this date the company assembled for Federal and State inspection by First Lieutenant Benjamin E. Grey, U. S. Infantry. The olive drab service uniforms with campaign hat and russet shoes were worn. Complete field equipment was carried by the men (shelter tent roll, canteen, haversack, en-

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trenching tools, flag signal kits.) The company passed an unusually fine inspection.

Feb. 1. Rendezvous drills for this season started on this date. In order to qualify for pay it was necessary to have an attendance of 40 enlisted men present, each drill to last one and one-half hours actual time. The total strength allowed each company to this date had been three officers and sixty men. At the first drill three officers and fifty men were present showing the interest and co-operation of the company.

Later this month new regulations increased the peace strength of a company to three officers and sixty-five enlisted men and required an attendance of 43 enlisted men at each rendezvous drill. One more of these drills were held this month.

Feb. 24. On the evenings of Feb. 24, 25, 26 the Quannapowitt Poultry Association conducted their first poultry and pigeon show under the auspices of Company A. The show held in the drill hall was largely attended, many people from other towns being present. This proved to be a very interesting event. Mr. Arthur L. Evans of Wakefield had a wonderful exhibition of pigeons and won numerous prizes.

March. Company A won the tournament with Company H of Stoneham, the account appears in chapter on athletics. Three rendezvous drills were held this month.

March 23. Russet shoes were ordered to be worn with uniform on all occasions by enlisted men.

April. Two well attended rendezvous drills were held this month.

May 3. The annual prize drill was largely attended by Fine Members and friends of the Company. Forty-six men competed. As in previous years several merchandise prizes were awarded in addition to the three drill medals. Lieut.-Col. Fred R. Robinson before awarding the prizes gave a short talk regarding the importance of military training and the necessity of a militia.

May 24. On this evening Lieut.-Col. John S. Barrows inspected the company (U. S. Inspection). Col. W. E. Sweetser, Sixth Regiment, Major John H. McMahon, first Bn.; Capt.

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Charles M. Rotch and Capt. John F. Osborne of the First Corps Cadets were present as observers. Both Col. Sweetser and Col. Barrows complimented Capt. Connelly on the excellent inspection passed. Present three officers, fifty-four men.

The company finished fifth in the bowling league, but won high team total (prize \$5) and \$12, also prize money. Corp. J. E. Creedon won high individual prize (cup) and Private D. C. Creedon won high average prize of company a cup. Members of team—Corp. J. E. Creedon, captain; Corp. M. J. Burns, Privates D. C. Creedon, Paul W. Mortimer, and Thomas W. Walsh.

May 30. Three officers and forty-five men escorted Camp 39 U. S. W. V. to Forest Glade Cemetery for Memorial exercises on Sunday at 2 p. m.

May 31. In accordance with usual custom Company A acted as escort to Post 12, G. A. R. on this Memorial Day.

The eighth and ninth rendezvous drills were held during this month.

June 7. A most pleasant surprise was given Major John H. McMahon when Capt. Connelly on behalf of the company presented him with the sabre he had worn as company commander for twelve years. The Major who had been retired with rank of Lieut.-Col. responded feelingly, the men giving sincere cheers.

DUTY AT LOWELL

July 3, 4, 5. The Company left Wakefield Saturday, July 3, at 4 p. m., by electric for a special three-days' tour of duty at Tewkesbury and Lowell with the Sixth Regiment. Arriving at camp site opposite the Tewkesbury State Farm, tents were pitched at 6 p. m. The cooks had preceded the company and prepared a hot meal. Sunday morning a battalion drill was held. Company A furnished guard with Capt. Connelly as officer of the day and Lieut. Hawkes, officer of guard. At 8 a. m., July 5, the regiment took train to Lowell and marched to the Common where a fine box lunch was furnished after which a regimental parade was given on the Common.

The regiment, with the Eighth Regiment and numerous civic

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organizations, paraded through the city during a heavy rainstorm which drenched everyone.

Aug. 2. This evening the tenth and last rendezvous drill of the season took place. The average attendance for these drills was three officers and fifty-one enlisted men—a very fine showing as the required number to qualify was forty-three. This meant that a sum of \$500 would be distributed to the men from Federal Funds.

ANNUAL CAMP

August. A regimental camp this year formed the program of annual state duty, August 8 to August 15, at Peter's Pond, Sandwich, Mass. The company entrained at South Station, Sunday at 8.30, having journeyed from Wakefield by trolley. The battalion under command of Capt. Duncan M. Stewart of Stoneham marched five miles over a good road to the camp site. Company A reported fifty-seven men out of a total enrollment of fifty-nine, and three officers.

The routine of the work consisted of close and extended order in the morning and schools for the officers and non-coms in the afternoon while the enlisted men were allowed liberty. Capt. McCoy, U. S. A., had supervision of the instruction work.

The camp was beautifully situated near a large pond where good bathing was enjoyed.

Aug. 8-15. As the camp was far from any villages, Col. Sweetser had a moving picture machine installed at the foot of a steep hill. Here good shows were given each evening, the men grouped on slopes of the hill. Boxing, wrestling, and other entertainment was furnished from talent in the regiment, a large tent being used for the purpose.

A recruit company composed of all the new men of the regiment received special instruction from Lieut. Rogers of Company A, detailed for that purpose and assisted by four regular army non-coms.

On Friday, the 13th, an outpost and attack problem was worked out, the battalion making camp over night about five miles

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from main camp. The next day after a sham battle the regiment had instruction in individual cooking, using the mess kit. Two boiled potatoes, bacon, an onion and coffee formed the meal which the men prepared over small fires on grounds connected with Alpha Farms. The regiment then marched back to main camp.

Camp was broken Aug. 15 at 8 a. m. and the regiment entrained at Sandwich at 11 a. m., Wakefield was reached at 5 p. m., after a most interesting and enjoyable tour of duty.

MOBILIZATION OF MILITIA

Aug. 26. The mobilization of the entire state militia took place in Boston. Company A joined the regiment at 10.30. Rations were served at 11.45 a. m. The head of the parade started at 12.30, the Sixth regiment moving about 1.15 p. m. After a march through the business district including Beacon, Washington, State, Broad, High and Summer streets, the parade terminated at Tremont st. Three officers and forty-eight men under Capt. Connelly participated. First Lieutenant Rogers was in command of first platoon and Second Lieutenant Hawkes in charge of second platoon. The company arrived home at 5.30 p. m.

Oct. 4. Sgt. Baxter with Pvt. Harlow as assistant was appointed to look after the interest of Basket Ball.

FIELD DAY

Oct. 20. The Richardson Light Guard observed its annual Fall Field Day with the customary target shoot in the afternoon. at Bay State Range followed in the evening with a Banquet. This 64th anniversary with the exception of the Dedication was the largest affair ever held of this nature by the company. About 400 were present. The Drill Hall was prettily decorated with American Flags and yellow and white bunting. The American Orchestra of Wakefield played enjoyable music during the banquet. Dill was caterer.

In the afternoon owing to the rain and fog the company matches were not completed. On Oct. 23rd the matches were finished.

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At the banquet Lt. Charles E. Walton president of the Fine Members Association presented Capt. Connelly on behalf of the Association a beautiful set of Silk Colors. Capt. Connelly for the Company accepted the gift in a few well chosen words expressing the appreciation of the Company.

After a brief resume of the Company's work Capt. Connelly introduced Harris M. Dolbeare as toastmaster.

The speakers were Congressman F. W. Dallinger, Representative E. K. Bowser, Lt. Col. B. B. Buck, 9th U. S. Inf., Lt. Col. Stover 5th Mass. Inf., Chaplain Dusseault 6th Mass. Inf., Chairman John J. Round of the Selectmen and Lt. Col. F. R. Robinson.

November 8. Rendezvous drills for season 1915-16 were started on this evening with three officers and fifty-one men present. The remarkable steady attendance was continued.

November 29. Three officers and sixty-one enlisted men reported for the regimental inspection by Lieut. Col. Damon, the company making an unusually fine appearance.

A rendezvous drill was also held on this evening, the attendance being a record for a drill of this kind.

December 1. Sergt. Augustus D. Baxter was appointed first sergeant.

December 13. Capt. Connelly announced at the meeting that Major Azel Ames, a firm friend of the company had made a gift of a beautiful mahogany cabinet book case. This is used as a trophy cabinet in the large meeting room and has been much appreciated by the company.

December 20. Rendezvous pay was distributed.

December 27. A series of public entertainments was started by Capt. Connelly to show the work of a military company. The first on this evening was similar to a "Day in Camp" given April 26. A company street was pitched on the drill floor and night life simulated, followed by reveille and usual drill routine. Cook tents and kitchens were set up and an imaginary meal served to the company. An exhibition of wireless work was staged by Private John Beebe, Jr., who furnished his own equipment. After a drill and bayonet work was gone through, guard duty was exemplified. A basket ball game and military games followed.

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The various patriotic organizations were guests at this public performance.

There were two officers and fifty-one enlisted men present at this last drill of the year, closing a season of unprecedented attendance in the history of the Company. The rifle and pistol qualifications were also high during this year.

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Renewed interest in the military work of Co. A was manifest throughout the year and the Company had a record of attendance never before attained both in the regular drills and the Rendezvous Drills. The officers and non-coms worked hard and faithfully and had the satisfaction of seeing their efforts crowned with success.

January 10. A remarkable attendance of 63 men and 3 officers at the fourth Rendezvous Drill out of a total enrollment of 64 enlisted, augured well for the future.

January 17. The second entertainment of the series of "A Day in Camp" to interest the public in the company, was given on this evening. All the Catholic societies were invited and attended well, showing much interest in the activities of the Company.

As in the previous programs the Company went through the routine of camp pitching tents and turning in for a night's sleep. Then followed reveille and the day's work. After an exhibition drill athletic events were held, relay races, 40 yard dash and cart-ridge race. The spectators were well pleased with the evening's performance and the appearance and proficiency of the soldiers.

The attendance at the regular drills this month showed a high average of 3 officers and 50 men.

FEDERAL INSPECTION

February 21. In accordance with orders the Company assembled for the Federal Inspection at 8 P. M. Lt. John R. McGinnes, U. S. A., was the inspecting officer. He was accompanied by Col. W. E. Sweetser and Capt. D. M. Stewart, 6th Mass. Inf. Other regimental officers were present as observers.

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This was without doubt the best inspection ever passed by Co. A. Every officer and enlisted man was present out of a total enrollment of 3 officers and 65 men. Company movements progressed smoothly showing careful training. Much attention was paid to individuals and squad work, which showed great proficiency.

The uniform worn was the olive drab service-campaign hat, canvas leggings and russet shoes. Haversack, canteen and entrenching tools were hung from field belt. Shelter tent roll contained blanket, poncho, poles and pins.

March 20. Capt. Connelly outlined a trip to Washington for the inauguration in 1917 and emphasized the need of starting early to raise necessary expense funds. Later at meeting, April 3, the captain suggested putting on a play for the purpose. The Catholic Club who had some time previously held the play very successfully offered to help the Company by furnishing the entire cast. The Company voted to accept the kind offer and agreed for each man to sell six twenty-five cent tickets and four thirty-five cent tickets.

April 17. All societies which had not previously been invited to the Company's public exhibitions gathered at the armory on this evening. Those present included Elks, Eagles, Moose, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Clan McPhail and other citizens. A similar program to the other entertainments of "A Day in Camp" was gone through. Camp was pitched and Call to Quarters sounded. Then followed Reveille and the day's routine of drill. Pvt. Bert North gave an exhibition of club swinging (illuminated clubs). Camp songs were enjoyed, Pvt. L. Luken gave several cornet solos, and Cook Hubbard entertained with two Canadian dialect readings which were exceptionally well received.

After the floor had been cleared athletic events followed—40-yard dash, relay race, cartridge race. The Montcrief Twins furnished a skit, "The Gold Dust Twins", which pleased the audience.

Those who attended were surprised at the fine exhibition of military work and the versatile ability of the volunteer soldiers.

Fifty-four men and 3 officers reported for duty on this evening.

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April 24. In the Town Bowling League the Company team finished in the fourth place winning a prize of \$11.00. Pvt. D. C. Creedon won high total three strings, prize \$5.00 and also high individual average or team. Sgt. J. E. Creedon, Cpl. M. J. Burns, Pvt. W. F. Burns and Wm. D. Seabury were the other members.

May 8. A well contested Prize Drill was held on this evening before a large audience. Dancing was enjoyed after the drill until 12 P. M., music by American Orchestra.

May 19. On this evening, at the Princess Theatre, the Company staged the play entitled, "The Hoodoo," cast by the Catholic Club. A tidy sum was realized which was put in the Washington Fund. The play was exceptionally well carried through, the cast being well selected from talented amateurs. This friendly co-operation of the Catholic Club was much appreciated by the Company members who were putting much effort toward raising funds for the Washington Trip.

May 28. Co. A took part in the exercises of Camp 39 U. S. W. V. at Forest Glade Cemetery, 3 officers and 53 men reporting. On return to the armory a luncheon was served by Camp 39.

May 30. In the morning the Company participated in the parade and Flag Raising exercises at the Greenwood Hose House.

Three officers and 62 enlisted men of the Company assisted Post 12 G. A. R. at the Memorial Day services in the afternoon.

June 5. Capt. James H. Keough, I. S. A. P., officiated at the presentation of Marksman's Decorations to the Company members.

June 14. At the Town Hall on this evening the Wakefield Lodge of Elks celebrated Flag Day. A short parade, in which Co. A. participated, from Elks Home to Town Hall preceded the program.

MEXICAN BORDER CAMPAIGN

About the middle of the month several of the regiments were mobilized at Framingham for duty at the Mexican Border. War

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with Mexico was threatened and rumors of German propaganda to involve the United States with Mexico were current.

June 25. At midnight Capt. Connelly received orders from Regimental Headquarters to report for duty the next morning at Framingham Camp Grounds with two officers, eleven non-commissioned officers, cooks and kitchen field equipment. The captain notified the members by telephone and reported as ordered at camp at 10.30 A. M., Monday, June 26.

The 2nd, 5th, 8th and 9th called on June 19th were getting ready to entrain for the border that day and it became necessary for the 6th Regt. Details to take charge of all the recruits of these regiments to avoid delay. As the regiments which left took tents and equipment the Sixth Regt. details had considerable work laid out in securing tentage and erecting it, setting up kitchens, procuring rations and cooking, and getting necessary blankets and clothing to make the recruits comfortable. Working far into the night this was finally accomplished.

The Co. A detail combined 90 recruits of Co. A and B of the 2nd Inf. into one company and commenced a program of training for these men and equipping them for service. On July 10 the recruit companies left for the Mexican border showing good results from their instruction under trained men of the 6th.

Lt. Fred H. Rogers was mustered into Federal Service with other officers to take these men to the border, and experienced some service there.

Co. A as usual scored a success in being first to completely equip the Provisional Company, the officers and non-coms co-operating in a fine manner to perform the exacting work.

June 30. The last Rendezvous drill of the season was ordered for this date and as the officers and non-coms were at Framingham Sgt. Edward E. Hickey was sent to Wakefield to take charge of the drill and prepare the payrolls. Later Lt. Hawkes reported.

THE NEW NATIONAL GUARD

June 30. An act of Congress passed June 3 made necessary the taking of a new oath of enlistment and made the militia a

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new National Guard which under Federal control could be sent out of the State or country without consent of State authorities.

At an ordered meeting on this date, Capt. Connelly who had come from Framingham, read the oath and explanations. It is significant of the calibre of the men who composed Co. A, that every man present agreed to take the new oath, although each had the opportunity to gracefully withdraw from service if he so desired and avoid the possibility of being called later. There were but 3 of the entire enrollment of Co. A who did not take the new oath these being advised otherwise by the captain, for family reasons.

During June the last rendezvous drill of the 1915-16 season was held, after a remarkable average attendance for the ten drills of 59 enlisted men and 3 officers, a record truly gratifying to everyone.

July 24. A special drill to prepare for annual camp duty was held, 2 officers and 55 men being present.

The Annual Tour of Camp Duty

Held at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

August 6th to August 20th, 1916.

On August 6 the company assembled at the Armory and boarded electric cars, arriving at the South Station at 8.30 A. M., taking a special train the New Bedford, arriving at 11.30 A. M. The regiment was assembled and boarded a steamer which sailed out of New Bedford at 12.30 arriving at Edgartown 3.30 P. M. March was then taken up and the regiment went into camp about three miles below Edgartown. The camp site was very picturesque bordering on the ocean where excellent bathing was enjoyed. Upon arriving, the regiment immediately pitched tents and soon the men were enjoying the scenery and the wonderful air for which the Vineyard is noted. The camp was named "Crocker Camp" in honor of Mr. George H. Crocker of Fitchburg for many years interested in the Regiment.

Capt. E. J. Connelly was the only officer with the company, Lt. Rogers being on the Mexican border and Lt. E. B. Hawkes was detailed as adjutant of the battalion.

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It is very important to note that this tour of duty was the first that was ordered for two weeks, all of the previous camp tours being of eight days' duration.

During the first week battalion drills, together with close and extended order work, engaged the entire program.

Sunday, August 13, was given over to sports. The Edgartown Carrol Club offered trophies for the winners in each event. Pvt. Brown won third place in the 200-yard dash and Pvts. Harlow and Beebe were first and second in the running hop, step and jump.

The regiment left camp to attend the sports which were held in a field adjacent to Edgartown. Undoubtedly the inhabitants of the little town witnessed one of the largest and best demonstrations of military functions when evening parade was given by the entire regiment after which a march through the principal streets of the town was made. The regiment arrived back in camp about 7.30 p. m., tired and hungry but very happy.

On Monday the regiment broke camp for the maneuvers which took them practically over the northern portion of the Vineyard. Short marches were made every day and difficult problems were worked out very successfully. Company A under Capt. Connelly won much praise for the manner in which they entered into these exercises. The longest march was made the final day of the maneuvers when the regiment returned from the vicinity of Gay Head, the northern part of the island, to the camp situated on the extreme southern part of the Vineyard.

On Sunday, August 20, the regiment broke camp and boarded the steamer at Edgartown and returned to New Bedford. There the company was entrained and arrived in Wakefield at 5.30 p. m. This tour of duty was no doubt the most enjoyable one the company ever participated in, the men being in wonderful condition and having benefited from the instructive military tactics learned.

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CELEBRATION AT FITCHBURG

Sept. 16. In accordance with G. O. No. 7 Hq. 6th Inf. Mass. N. G. the company assembled Saturday at 11.30 a. m. to take part in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Co. B (Fitchburg Fusiliers) at Fitchburg, Mass. Leaving Wakefield Centre at 12.06 the company took the 1 p. m. train at North Station for Fitchburg arriving there at 2.30 p. m.

The 6th Regt. paraded through the principal streets of the city after which electric cars were taken to grounds adjoining a large park outside the city where shelter tent camp was pitched. The next morning (Sunday) the regiment drilled two hours ending with an evening parade.

At 2.30 p. m. the company entrained at Fitchburg and arrived at the armory about 5 p. m., Sunday, Sept. 17.

FALL FIELD DAY AND SHOOT, 1916

The annual Fall Field Day Shoot was held on October 12, Columbus Day, at the Bay State Range, Wakefield. Many of the Fine Members together with the company, attended the shoot and the competition was very good.

The Banquet was held in the armory on the evening of Oct. 18. Capt. E. J. Connelly, after the banquet, made a brief speech of welcome and introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Adjutant General Gardner W. Pearson. The Adjutant General spoke at length on the subject of compulsory service, stating that all young men from the ages of 18 to 21 should have some military training. He also outlined the benefits derived from the service in the way of discipline, efficiency and general good health due to physical exercises.

The next speaker was the commander of the regiment, Col. Warren E. Sweetser, who commented on the wonderful record the company had in shooting, stating that it was regrettable that the Regimental match was omitted this year, because it meant the loss of another trophy. He further added that in looking around the walls of the armory he felt the company surely had their share of trophies.

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Mr. Charles E. Walton spoke in behalf of the Fine Members of the company, again pledging unflinching support in all affairs held by the company and expressing well wishes for the future.

Rev. W. H. Flynn of St. Joseph's Church gave the divine blessing.

Jesse A. Dill of Melrose served a very appetizing banquet and the armory was tastefully decorated by the Farley Decorating Company of Lawrence, Mass.



Military Ball

following the Anniversary Banquet Oct. 6, 1916
Flashlight taken from balcony

The committee on arrangements decided to try an innovation this year by omitting most of the speaking and having a grand ball directly after the banquet. The Woburn National Band was engaged for the music. Capt. and Mrs. Connelly led the military section of the grand march and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walton led the Fine Members. Practically every one in the armory participated in the grand march and the uniforms of the military

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officers together with the evening gowns of the ladies made a most impressive sight. A flash light photograph was taken by Mr. Leo E. Bourdon.

Col. John H. McMahon presented the prizes won at the shoot on October 12.

For all those who did not wish to dance, whist and other games were enjoyed in the small rooms of the armory.

Oct. 3. G. O. No. 8 Hqrs. 6th Inf. Mass. N. G., announced six dates for non-commissioned officers' schools during drill season 1916-17, to be convened at South Armory, Boston, on following dates: Nov. 4, Dec. 16, Jan. 27, 1917, March 10, April 21, June 2. These schools to be on Saturdays, opening at 8 P. M. and closing on next day (Sunday) at 3 P. M. Cots and blankets furnished in quarters at the Armory. Mileage at four cents to be allowed.

Five regular drills were held in October, all being well attended.

November. New regulations in June for the National Guard, allowed U. S. pay for 24 drills in each half-year beginning July 1, 1916; first period ending Dec. 1, 1916. To qualify for this pay a company must have had present at each drill 60 percent of its authorized enrollment otherwise none could receive pay. In order to be on the safe side Capt. Connelly ordered five extra drills in November in addition to the four regular drills, all of which were successful, the average of all drills being 3 officers and 56 enlisted men; a very satisfactory showing.

These drills required actual time spent of one and one-half hours on drill floor, school work not counting.

December. Four regular drills were held this month. On Dec. 18 the public was invited to witness a drill, the company being in full dress uniform and making a fine impression.

During this year the public drills and entertainments did much to educate the people regarding military training and gave them a better idea of what their local company was accomplishing.

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1917

Although President Wilson had been elected on a platform "He kept us out of War", the year 1917 was fraught with grave possibilities.

A tenseness was felt in military quarters which was justified in the light of future events. This year the Richardson Light Guard was to be called on to make history filled with many sacrifices, in order that "The world be made safe for Democracy".

Jan. 2. Commencing with the first drill on this date the attendance for January was very good, three officers and fifty-four enlisted men being present.

Jan. 8. On this evening the company assembled for Regimental Inspection by Lt. Col. H. W. Damon, 6th. Mass. Inf. N. G. Three officers and fifty-nine enlisted men reported, five other men being unable to be present on account of employment at a distance.

During this month five regular drills were held with average attendance of three officers and fifty enlisted men. This was a busy month for the company with drawing contests and entertainments to raise money for the contemplated trip to Washington.

Feb. 20. Capt. George W. Stuart, Inf. U. S. A., inspected Co. A on Tuesday at 8.15 P. M., three officers and sixty-six enlisted men being present, only one man being absent through unavoidable cause. An unusually fine inspection was passed. O. D. service uniform was worn and full field equipment carried (shelter tent roll, haversack, canteen, entrenching tool).

Five regular drills were held this month with an average attendance of three officers and fifty-four men, a number unable to attend being at work some distance away.

Mar. 3. During the past year the company had been raising a fund to pay the expenses of a trip to Washington for the inaugural ceremony. Various drawing contests, entertainments, basket ball games, etc., helped to bring considerable money, the balance necessary being contributed by those members intending to go. The total expense per man was about \$30.

About thirty-six members under command of Capt. Connelly

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and Lt. Hawkes left Boston on the 6 P. M. train for Fall River where the boat was taken for New York. At Jersey City the Pennsylvania Road was followed to Washington where the Company arrived late Sunday afternoon. During their stay here the Company was quartered at Mrs. Reinhart's and Mrs. Johnson's, Indiana Ave., where the Company had been on previous trip. In order that no man would be entirely without money, the Captain each morning at roll call gave every man one dollar for lunches.

Monday the Company took part in the Inaugural Parade with other Massachusetts troops, making an excellent appearance.

After two days of sight seeing the Company left on Wednesday for home, returning over the Pennsylvania road to New York and Fall River line to Boston, arriving in Wakefield, Thursday morning, after a trip filled with interesting incidents.

Drills were held on March 12, 19, 26, with the usual big attendance.

While at Washington Lt. Hawkes left the Company for the Mexican Border being detailed for duty with the 16th U. S. Inf. remaining there until late in June when he returned to the Company then at Camp Darling, Framingham.

CHAPTER SEVEN

CAPT. JAMES H. KEOUGH

Excerpts From Wakefield Daily Item, Jan. 16, 1913

Remembering all that marksmen past and present of Co. A have done to mould its fame, we must pause to proclaim Qm. Sergt. James H. Keough (still an active member) as the greatest. He has been beaten, scores larger than his have been made, but for steadiness, consistency and qualities of leadership he stands supreme today, and has for a score of years. Colonel Gihon, himself one of the company's best shots before the Spanish-American War, said at the R. L. G. Reunion of 1909:

"I have a personal acquaintance with all of Co. A's shots for the past 27 years and would like to speak of many of them, but time does not permit. There is one soldier in this company who deserves special mention, I refer to Sergeant James H. Keough, I think to him, more than to any other, is due the splendid success of this company in rifle work. When I was in command of this company, Keough was my mainstay. Several times I had the honor to command the regimental teams, but in every case Keough did the work and I got the credit."

From Report of Colonel Smith W. Brookhart, Iowa N. G. Captain of the U. S. Palma Team, winners of the Long Range Championship of the World, with a record score, at Ottawa, Can., September 14, 1912. To Lieut. Gen. John G. Bates, U. S. A., President of the National Rifle Association of America.

About 100 men altogether entered the tryout for the U. S. Palma Team, at Sea Girt, N. J., August 27, 1912. The scores made by the competitors in the Remington Expert Match, the Sea Girt Championship Match, the Wimbledon Cup Match, Leach Cup Match and Marine Corps Match were counted for the Palma tryout. On Monday, Sept. 9, I directed that the 24 high men in the competition fire 15 shots at 1,000 yards before noon and the same number after noon, all firing at the same time. At the conclusion of this competition I selected 11 high men and for the twelfth man selected Sergeant James H. Keough, of Wakefield, Mass. Sergt. Keough was not present in the Remington Match (15 shots at 1,000 yards) * but, his record in all the other

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matches, as well as the long range matches not counted in the tryout, was equal to the best man in the tryout. The Palma Match at Ottawa was so arranged that two pairs would



Capt. James H. Keough

fire at the same time.....There was one defect in our organization and that was in coaches. Those best adapted for coaching had all been selected as firing members on the team. It was there-

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fore a happy event when Captain Stuart W. Wise, of Massachusetts, appeared on the range and I immediately installed him as official coach giving him charge of the pairs on the right. It was then arranged that the pairs on the left should alternate coaching each other and also alternate with Sergeant Keough as general coach between the pairs. While this system of coaching is efficient in the highest degree, still it is defective when necessary to be done by firing members of the team. The strain is too great on the eye for a man who must fire his score immediately afterwards.

* Note: Sergt. Keough was prevented from accompanying the Massachusetts team to Sea Girt on account of death in the family but rejoined them later but, too late to participate in the Remington Match and according to the rules of the tryout could not officially be selected. But, as stated above in Colonel Brookhart's report, his shooting in all of the other matches was equalled the best man of the tryout and he was carried along for the purpose of being the official coach of the team, and due to circumstances which sometimes happen in all teams, he was ordered to shoot by the Team Captain and paired up with Sergt. Frank Kean of Woburn, Mass. The appearance of Captain Stuart W. Wise, another of Keough's shooting partners, was the happy event referred to in Col. Brookhart's report as it took a burden off Keough's shoulders and enabled him to put up the largest individual score of the U. S. team and this in his 48th year. Bugler George W. Chesley, of New Haven, Conn., a Wakefield boy and former member of Co. A and a Spanish War Veteran, was also a firing member of this team.

MILITARY RECORD OF MAJOR JAMES H. KEOUGH

Enlisted on the thirtieth day of May, 1888, and mustered-in to the service of the State same date for three years, as a private in Company A, Sixth Regiment Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. Continuous service in same company and regiment, having served as private, bugler and Q. M. Sergt., until honorably discharged by reason of promotion; appointed Captain Ordnance Dept. on the 1st day of December, 1913. Re-Organization, appointed Captain and Asst. Inspector of Small Arms Practice, July 1, 1915; Captain National Guard Reserve, April 24, 1917; Placed on Mass. National Guard Retired List, with rank of Major, January 17, 1919, at own request.

U. S. Service: Enlisted in Co. A, Sixth Mass. Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, May 6, 1898, served as Quartermaster Sergeant during

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the Spanish-American War, served in Porto Rican Campaign. Mustered out at Boston, Mass., January 21, 1899.

WORLD WAR: Called into Federal Service, April 30, 1918, as Captain National Guard and assigned to Small Arms Firing School, Camp Perry, Ohio, as Instructor; Ordered to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. Carolina, Oct. 10, 1918, to help in the final training of the 20th Division, then under secret orders to leave for France early in November, and under command of Brig.-General E. Leroy Sweetser, formerly Brigadier General Massachusetts N. G. Was at this station but a short time when he was ordered by the War Dept. to proceed to Commanding Officer, Infantry School of Arms, Columbus, Georgia, arriving November 5, 1918, was assigned to the Department of Rifle and Pistol and remained at the school until July 23, 1919 when he was ordered to Caldwell, New Jersey, to the National Matches, for duties of Instructor and Range Officer.

At the completion of this duty he was ordered to Camp Dix, New Jersey, for discharge, services no longer required, where he got the usual 16 days leave, requesting that at the end of the furlough he be discharged from Camp Devens, Mass., as the nearest station to his home. On reporting to Camp Devens an order from the War Department, Washington, was handed him with instructions to report back to the Infantry School, Camp Benning, Columbus, Georgia, for duty, where he was again assigned to the Department of Rifle and Pistol remaining at the School 'til February 19, 1920, when he was ordered by the War Dept. to proceed to Camp Eagle Pass, Texas, reporting on arrival to the Commanding Officer, 3rd U. S. Infantry, for duty. Captain Keough arrived at this station March 4, 1920, but instead of being set at his usual line of duty his duties were various and of a far different character.

When he reported to the C. O., Colonel Paul Giddings, he was informed that while the regiment needed instruction in rifle and pistol practice there were hardly enough men in the companies to carry on the usual routine duty and furnish the necessary details and that there was such a dearth of officers that some of the officers had two or three companies and that he would be obliged to turn one of them over to him, and he was assigned to Co. I, 3rd U. S. Infantry.

In a few days a Special Order No. 37, Camp Eagle Pass was issued which Capt. Keough states was the longest and most complex order he ever received and designated him as the responsible party to the following projects: Construction Quartermaster—Camp Utilities Officer—Salvage Officer and Camp Laundry Of-

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ficer. To state that these different duties called for tact and experience and led to a strenuous life is putting it mildly and owing to the scarcity of officers he also had to take his turn at Guard Duty which during his last month at this camp meant nearly every other day. Captain Keough was Officer of the Day the night that Obregon and his followers marched into Pedras Negres, situated directly across the Rio Grande from Camp Eagle Pass. On this particular night, owing to the lack of subsistence across the river the guard was doubled, every sentinel had a bandolier of ammunition in addition to his belt full and was also armed with a "Gat" (45 Colt Automatic Pistol) and a plentiful supply of ammunition for the same. The supposed raid did not develop and from the receptions held the next day in which the officers from Camp Eagle Pass were invited to attend it was more of an entertainment than a bombardment.

The construction work coming under Capt. Keough's supervision called for the finishing of a cement bridge over the Arroya which was started by Major George C. Burnett, his predecessor, and was completed before Capt. Keough left this station. Another project was the building of a spur track from the warehouses to the Southern Pacific R. R. and the finishing of a swimming pool and a Camp Bakery which called for the installation of a 60 ton Middleby Oven. He was agent for a revolving pay roll which amounted to \$10,000 and on account of the scarcity of help and large wages exacted by U. S. laborers was forced to employ Mexican laborers who were granted passports allowing them to enter and leave the camp between certain hours. His utilities job included care and repair of all Government buildings and he had hundreds of thousands dollars worth of every conceivable article necessary to build and equip the most exacting architectural structure, including bathroom fixtures, steam boilers and radiators, nails, lumber, cement, doors, sash, windows, etc., a Utilities company with plumbers, carpenters, electricians, and painters. The Salvage Dept. consisted of a cobbling shop, a tailor shop, and a junk shop, the latter being cleared out at intervals by sales to the highest bidder. That Captain Keough did make good in the execution of these different projects, was in a great part due to his experience in the handling of property and his line of duty in civil life, and it was further demonstrated when on receiving orders from the War Department to proceed to Camp Perry, Ohio, to construct the Small Bore Range for the International shoot held in 1920, to get his clearance papers in five days from receipt of order.

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Before leaving Eagle Pass he was handed a letter by the Commanding Officer, which he stated he received some time ago and as it was very complimentary he thought Capt. Keough might like to keep the original and he would keep a copy for his files.

Letter from Lt. Col. Morton C. Mumma, U. S. Cavalry. To Col. Paul Giddings, Commanding 3rd U. S. Infantry, Eagle Pass, Tex.

I have just learned that Captain James H. Keough has been assigned to duty with your regiment. (The information did not come from Captain Keough) I desire to take this opportunity of stating to you that I have known Captain Keough for 17 years during which time I have been closely associated with him in matters pertaining to the development of rifle training. When selecting my instructors for the Small Arms Firing School which I established and commanded during the war, Captain Keough was one of the first men placed on my list. He has for more than 20 years been one of the foremost riflemen of this country and has done as much as perhaps any other man for its development. He was one of my most valuable instructors, and later a member of the corps of instructors at the Infantry School, Camp Benning, Columbus, Georgia, from which I understand he has just gone to join your regiment. I presume the purpose of his detail to your regiment is to assist in the development of rifle efficiency, and I assure you that the training of the officers and non-commissioned officers could not be placed in better hands. His knowledge of proper methods of individual training in marksmanship is not exceeded by that of any other man of my acquaintance and I know, that if given sufficient time and opportunity, he will fully justify the purpose for which he is sent to you.

Morton C. Mumma,
Major of Cav. D. O. L.

Captain Keough arrived at Camp Perry, Ohio, June 5, 1920, and was assigned as assistant to the Quartermaster, Colonel Ward Dabney, U. S. A. He remained at this station until October 13, 1920, when he received orders to proceed to First Corps Area, Boston, Mass., for discharge, services no longer required. He was discharged from the service of the United States, October 15, 1920. While on duty at Camp Perry, July 19, he was ordered to report for examination permanent appointment Ordnance, but after due deliberation decided to pass it up and return to his former civil employment as State Armorer, Wakefield, which position he still holds. On February 25, 1921, he was commissioned as Captain Ordnance, Officers Reserve Corps, U. S. A., for 5 years

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and was placed on active duty each year for the duration of the National Matches, Camp Perry, Ohio, as Instructor in small arms at the Citizens' Training Camp preceding the matches. He was reappointed in 1926 in the grade and section then held but declined to serve longer having seen nearly 38 years of continuous military service. Major Keough has received many decorations for excellence in rifle and pistol work and for excellence in the manual of arms but none are cherished more dearly than the letter sent him by the Chief of Ordnance, U. S. Army, which is appended:

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ORDNANCE
Washington

March 4, 1926.

Major James H. Keough,
52 Crescent Street,
Wakefield, Mass.
My dear Major Keough:

I have noted with regret that you have decided not to accept reappointment in the Ordnance Officers' Reserve Corps by reason of your having reached the age when you believe you should retire.

I desire to express to you at this time the appreciation of the Ordnance Department for your work and your services in the past and particularly during the World War when your labors in connection with small arms maintenance were of very great assistance.

Your work for the past thirty years in the instruction of small arms practice and in the encouragement of rifle shooting, not only in your own State but throughout the whole of the United States, is well known to this Department and in this also you have been of inestimable value to your country.

May I wish you much comfort, happiness and well deserved ease in your retirement.

Cordially yours,

C. C. Williams.
Major General, Chief of Ordnance,
U. S. Army.

CHAPTER EIGHT

COMPANY H—12th REGIMENT—M. S. G.

With the departure of the various units of Massachusetts National Guard to the various camps in connection with the entry of the United States into the World War, the different committees throughout the state where National Guard Units had been quartered, took steps to organize companies for home guard duty to take the place of the departing units.

On Friday evening, March 30, 1917 at the State Armory, a company of Home Guards was formed, about seventy-five men signing up on the first papers and several drills were held during the following month.

In the meantime, the state authorities were taking steps to organize a State Guard and on May 7, the members of the Wakefield Home Guard, held a meeting in the State Armory, to consider the State Guard proposition, in its bearing on the liability to act on guard duty outside of the town, or, in other words, in any part of the state. Many showed a disinclination to continue in the company on this basis, but a petition was drawn up, asking for the formation in this town, of a State Guard Company; and a number of signatures were received and the petition forwarded to the governor, May 22, 1917, with request of inspection of recruits on May 28. Drills of the Home Guard Company, in the meantime, had been going on under the direction of Col. John H. McMahon, M. N. G., retired.

MUSTERED INTO SERVICE

On June 20 the signers of the petition went through the necessary medical examination and 60 men were mustered into the service of the Commonwealth, as the 62nd Company M. S. G., by Col. H. P. Ballard, M. V. M., retired. Lt. Col. McMahon then announced the appointment by the governor of the following officers:

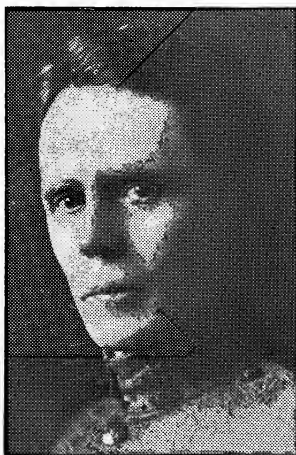
CAPT. Lt. Col. John H. McMahon, M. N. G., retired.
Former commander of Company "A" of the 6th regiment and for many years a member of that company, also a Spanish War Veteran.

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1st Lt. Sgt. John L. Downing—for 12 years member of Company "H", 5th Regiment, M. N. G.

2nd Lt. William B. Feindel—a former member, for about nine years, of Company "A" of the 6th Regiment, also a Spanish War Veteran.

From this date, regular weekly drills were held and additional drills quite frequently, as the members showed considerable interest in the work.



Capt. John L. Downing
Co. H, State Guard

About the first of August, regiments were formed of the State Guard and the 62nd company was assigned to the 12th Regiment M. S. G. as Company "H".

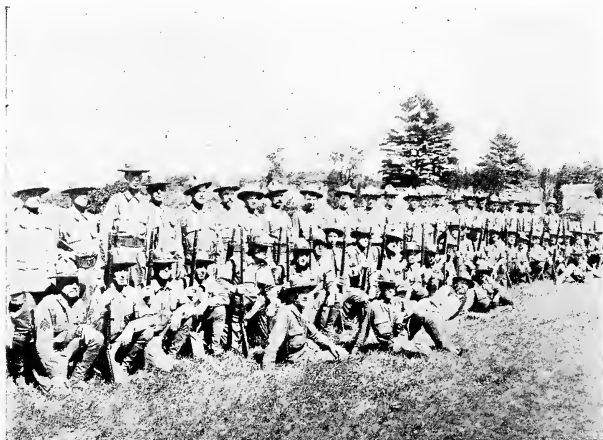
On August 7, Capt. John H. McMahon was commissioned as Major in the 12th Regiment.

On August 26th, 1st Lt. John L. Downing was commissioned as Captain of the company.

2nd Lt. William B. Feindel was commissioned 1st Lt. and 1st Sgt. Francis H. Marion was commissioned 2nd Lt.

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On August 26, 1917, most of the members of the old company "A", 6th regiment, M. N. G., who had been home on a farewell visit, assembled at the armory and marched out at 10.00 a. m. for a short parade through the town to the railroad station where they entrained for Ayer, their last appearance in Wakefield as an organization. Company "H", 12th Regiment, M. S. G., acted as their escort on this occasion, the first appearance of the company outside of the armory.



Co. H, State Guard at Gowing's Farm, 1917

FIELD DAY

Regular weekly drills were held in the armory mostly consisting of close order work, although during the early part of September, the company had some practice in extended order; arrangements were made about the middle of September to hold a Field Day during that month. In compliance with Company Order No. 1, the company assembled in the armory on Saturday,

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September 22, 1917, at 1.30 p. m., and in light marching order, proceeded to hike seven miles to a camp site previously selected by the officers in North Wilmington, the old Gowing Farm. Transportation was furnished by Sgts. Feindel and Knox for the camp equipage. The weather was pleasant and the company made good showing in making their first camp. The night turned out rather cold, ice forming on the water in the cook house and making it necessary to keep a camp fire going most of the night; the company had no regular camp equipment, the tents being borrowed and the members bringing such bedding material as they deemed necessary, in many cases being inadequate for the occasion.

Several skirmish drills were held on the 23rd and short movements, under the instructions of Maj. McMahon. This trip proved very instructive to the men as most of them had never participated in any military work prior to their enlistment in the company; it might be well to remark that most of the company were men who were exempt from regular service in the war on account of age or physical disability.

On October 7, 1917, the company proceeded to Winchester to take part in its first battalion drill, under command of Maj. McMahon who was the Battalion Commander.

Three more battalion drills were held during the month of October. On October 22, in compliance with G. O. No. 13, a committee was appointed from the members of the company, to assist in putting across the sale of bonds for the second Liberty Loan. On November 26, the company received its first official visit from the Regimental Commander, Col. H. P. Ballard. The company turned out for drill with full ranks and was complimented by the Colonel, not only for attendance and appearance, but also for its drill work.

About the first of January, 1918, arrangements were made by the Wakefield Club to put on a show to raise funds for the company, which up to this time had no way of obtaining funds, except by personal subscriptions of the members. This show took place Thursday evening, Jan. 24, 1918, at the "Princess Theatre" and a goodly amount was realized for the company's fund.

On January 24 the company furnished its first firing squad in connection with funeral services of Herbert Edgar Biggs of the 35th Squadron of the Aviation Corps from the residence of his family at Greenwood.

The regular drills and numerous additional drills were held during the winter months.

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On April 6 the company, as part of the regiment, participated in a parade in Boston, practically all officers and men of the company being present.

On May 26 the company assembled at the armory at 2.00 p. m. and acted as escort to Corporal Chas. F. Parker Camp, U. S. W. V., in connection with their memorial services at Montrose. Again on Memorial Day, May 30, the company acted as escort to H. M. Warren Post No. 12 G. A. R., in their annual observance.

CAMP DUTY

It was not decided until the first of July that there would be a regular tour of camp duty for the State Guard. In accordance with instructions, Company "H" assembled in the armory, July 25, and proceeded by trolley to Framingham, arriving at the camp grounds 9.30 p. m., the mess sergeant and cook having gone forward the day before. This was the first experience in regular tour of camp duty by most of the members of the company. However, considerable attention had been given by officers and non-commissioned officers of the company in instructions as to details of camp duty before starting for camp, and as a result, the company made a very creditable showing during the tour. Although the camp lasted four days and there were thirteen companies in the regiment, including supply company, Company "H" was honored on July 28 by the selection of Capt. Downing as Officer of the Day. On July 29, the tour being completed, the company returned to its home armory, much benefitted by the experience and orders were issued that drills would be suspended until the middle of September.

MANY COMPLIMENTS

It is worthy of mention that during the tour of duty, July 27, was set aside as Governor's Day and the camp visited by the Lieut. Governor, Adjutant General and staff. During his visit to the camp, Lieut. Governor Coolidge, afterwards Governor and later President of the United States, accompanied by the Adjutant General and several officers of his staff and officers of the company, made a personal inspection of every tent on "H" Company Street. He expressed himself as gratified with the appearance of the tents and equipment, also the appearance of the company members then in the company streets and stated that this was what he expected from the Wakefield Company, which had always occupied a prominent place in the militia of the Commonwealth.

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WEEK-END CAMP

Regular drills were resumed on September 16 and at that drill it was decided to hold a week-end camp on Kelley's Farm in North Wilmington. Accordingly, on Saturday afternoon, September 21, the company assembled at the armory and at 3.00 p. m. started over the road for North Reading in light marching order. This was a very enjoyable and instructive occasion. Inhabitants of North Wilmington, especially those in the vicinity of the camp, went to considerable trouble to help the company in many ways, such as sending gifts of vegetables and fruits to the company's cook besides a quantity of home cooked food for the Sunday dinner.

Beginning with the drill of September 23 the officers and non-commissioned officers of the company, took up the instruction of drafted men who had not yet been called. This was in accordance with directions issued by the Adjutant General's Office. The members of the company showed a lively interest in this matter and arrangements were made so that drafted men could drill any night that they desired.

On November 11 word was received of the signing of the Armistice of the World War and arrangements were made for the citizens of Wakefield to celebrate this event. A parade was held under the Command of Maj. McMahon, as Chief Marshal and consisted of Company "H", G. A. R., Spanish War Veterans, Red Cross and all fraternal and civic societies of the town.

IN BOSTON PARADE

On November 12, in accordance with telephone instructions from Col. Ballard, Regimental Commander, this company went to Cambridge by motor truck and joined the 12th Regiment there assembled at 12.00 noon. At 1.00, the Regiment proceeded to Boston to take part in the Military parade in that city in commemoration of the signing of the Armistice. Nearly the entire personnel of the company turned out to this parade.

On December 9, the company received an unexpected visit from Col. Ballard, Regimental Commander. A lively drill was held in both close and extended order. Various movements were called for by the regimental commander and at the close of the drill, the Colonel complimented both officers and men of the company on their excellent showing. He also stated that in all of his Military experience, he had not seen some of the movements called for, executed so well in such short time, as by "H" company that night.

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On Feb. 27, 1919, 1st Sergt. Henry A. Feindel was commissioned 2nd Lieut. in place of Francis H. Marion, resigned on account of ill health.

Regular weekly drills were held through the winter. A Regimental indoor shoot was ordered and all but three of the companies participated, each company shooting in its own armory under supervision of officers assigned by the Colonel. Although "H" Company upheld the past traditions of Wakefield by finishing with the highest score among the companies taking part, no trophy was ever awarded.



2nd Lt. Henry A. Feindel,
Co. H, State Guard

On March 20, the company was inspected by Maj. Benjamin R. Vaughn and made a good showing both in drill and attendance, only four members being absent from inspection, two of these with leave.

YANKEE DIVISION PARADE

On Friday, April 25, 1919, in accordance with R. G. O. No. 6 and Company Orders No. 3, the members of this company

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left for Cambridge where they joined the balance of the regiment and marched to Boston where, with the whole State Guard, they participated in the Parade of the Yankee Division. On May 19 at the regular drill, Maj. Connelly, 104th Regiment U. S. A., a former commander of "A" company, who had distinguished himself during his service in the World War, delivered a talk to the company on the events in France during the World War and on the methods of warfare used.

Once more it became the privilege of the company to participate in Memorial Exercises and on May 25 acted as escort to



Athletic Prizes Won by State Guard Co.

Left to right: Athletic Meet, July 25, 1919; Baseball Champion, 12th Regt., July 25, 1919; Elks' Parade, 1920

Corp. Chas. Parker Camp U. S. W. V. in their Exercises at Montrose. Included were a number of veterans returned from the World War. On May 30, the company acted as escort to H. M. Warren Post No. 12 G. A. R., in their Memorial Day Services.

FULL RANKS IN CAMP

Regular company drills were held until July 15. On July 19, in accordance with G. O. No. 18—A. G. O. C. S. and R. O. No.

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10—C. S., the company assembled at the armory at 2.00 p. m. and proceeded by auto bus to Camp Robert Bancroft, Boxford, Mass., for the annual tour of camp duty from July 19 to 26, inclusive. One week before starting for camp, all the previous two year term enlistments having run out June 20, the company was reduced in strength to thirty-three men, a condition existing in practically every company in the state guard. However, it is worthy of mention that "H" company went into camp with its full enlistment of three officers and sixty-one men. The first day in camp, one man was discharged at his own request for business reasons to make room for an extra recruit who was waiting to be mustered in. This was the only company in the regiment that reported full strength, the nearest company having about fifty men and some less than forty. Despite new recruits the company made an excellent showing and at the officers' meeting on July 23, the Colonel, in presence of all the officers of the regiment, complimented the captain of "H" company on the remarkable showing of his company. During the tour of duty, base ball and athletic contests were held and Company "H" won the Regimental Base Ball Championship, also the Regimental Athletic Championship and two of the three prizes in the individual drill.

After returning from camp, there was a short term of rest from drills which were resumed in September.

BOSTON POLICE STRIKE

On September 10, in accordance with telephone instructions from Regimental Commander, the company assembled in the armory at 1.30 p. m. and proceeded to Cambridge where they joined the Regiment for Guard duty in connection with the strike of the Boston Police Force.

On arrival at Cambridge, one lieutenant and thirty-nine men from "A" Company, were attached to Company "H", bringing the total strength to four officers and ninety-three men. The company were sent at once by fast motor truck to Brighton and established themselves at Police Station No. 14. After a short consultation between company commander and police captain of station No. 14, one platoon in charge of 1st Sergt. Bonney and the balance of the company under Capt. Downing, with 1st Lieut. W. B. Feindel leading 1st Platoon and second Lieut. H. A. Feindel, leading second platoon, moved into Market Square. Here an immense mob had gathered, blocking up the square and adjacent streets where a serious disturbance was underway. After quiet had been restored and the mob dispersed, seven Cossack

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Posts were thrown out covering the District from Market Square to Oak Square and to the Charles River. The more quiet residential sections adjoining Brookline, were covered by patrols.

On September 13, orders were received from A. G. O., increasing complement of companies to 100 men. 2nd Lieut. Feindel, with one sergeant and clerk was detailed to Wakefield on recruiting duty, where eight recruits were enlisted the first day.

On September 14, the company was transferred to the Cambridge Armory and from that point, covered station No. 10 Roxbury Crossing District until Sept. 22nd, travelling back and forth by motor trucks.

On September 22, the company was moved to the Municipal Building, Dudley Street Station No. 9 District, Roxbury, with company "C" and "E" and Machine Gun company 12th regiment. The company remained at this point until October 15, when they returned to Cambridge for several days and were then detailed to Ronan Park, Dorchester Station No. 11 District, remaining there two days and then back to the Cambridge Armory.

On October 25 the forces in Boston were reduced by one-half and provisional regiments were formed. Capt. Downing was assigned commander of new 5th company, 1st Provisional Regiment, consisting of 110 men in which were included from "H" company, one supply sergeant, one mess sergeant, one sergeant, two corporals, two cooks, one musician and thirty-four privates.

The entire second battalion, of which the fifth company was part, proceeded to the old Seigel Bldg., Washington and Essex streets, Boston, and established quarters at that point under command of Maj. Benjamin R. Vaughn, who was later relieved at his own request. Capt. Downing acted as Battalion Commander until November, 1919, when further reductions in force were made.

Capt. Downing was assigned to 9th company, third provisional Regiment also consisting of 110 men and including from "H" company, one supply sergeant, two sergeants, one musician, one cook and twenty-two privates. The balance of the members of "H" company who had been in fifth company, 1st Provisional Regiment, were returned to their home armory.

On November 26, at his own request for business reasons, Capt. Downing was relieved. The balance of members of "H" company who were serving in the ninth company, third Provisional Regiment, were not relieved until Dec. 18, 1919, at which time all of the Military Forces were relieved from duty in Boston.

Drills continued through the winter of 1919-1920, but interest commenced to fall off owing to the fact the members realized the days of the State Guard were numbered and it was only a

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matter of time when they would make place for the new National Guard company then being recruited.

On May 30, the company again took part in the memorial services of the departed veterans of the Civil, Spanish and World Wars and acted as escort to Spanish War and World War Veterans in their exercises at Montrose.

Nothing further of interest took place until the company was mustered out on November 1, 1920, the new National Guard Company having been formed under command of Capt. Thomas J. Quinn.

CHAPTER NINE

COMPANY A IN THE WORLD WAR.

RUMORS OF WAR.

Mar. 22, 1917. Various rumors about this time seemed to indicate that a crisis was impending in the United States and that it was inevitable we would be drawn into the conflict that already had involved the European countries. This meant that the National Guard would at once be called to service, as the strength of the regular Army was only about 100,000 men scattered through the United States, Philippines, Hawaii, Porto Rico, and Canal Zone. The National Guard numbered about 120,000.

**30 YOUNG
MEN
WANTED
NOW**
**TO SHOW REAL PATRIOTISM
JOIN CO. A, 6TH
REGIMENT**

**APPLY AT
STATE ARMORY, WAKEFIELD**
Or to Capt. E.J. Connelly, 456 Main Street

RECRUITING
1917

**War Recruiting Poster
Mar. 30, 1917**

MEN WANTED
FOR IMMEDIATE SERVICE
— JOIN —
CO. A
6TH REGT.
NOW

**APPLY AT
STATE ARMORY, WAKEFIELD**
OPEN 9.00 A. M. TO 10.00 P. M.

RECRUITING
1917

**Recruiting Poster
March, 1917**

Anticipating an early call, Col. Sweetser advised company commanders to get a waiting list of recruits at once. Capt. Con-

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nelly issued a call for about 30 men which would bring the enrollment up to 100, the expected number which would be required. Ten men had applied by March 26. Letters were sent to patriotic societies in Wakefield, Reading, and Lynnfield urging young men to join Company A, but no enthusiasm was noticeable: in fact, there seemed to be a general apathy regarding enlisting which was very surprising, considering the fact that Company A had a fine record, and Wakefield apparently such a good military town.

Personal efforts of the officers and men were used to the utmost to stimulate recruiting. The Wakefield Daily Item generously supplied full-page ads with large cut of soldier in the interest of recruiting and gave much publicity in news and editorial columns to help the cause.

ROSTER OF CO. A, 6th Mass. Inf., N. G., March 26, 1917

Capt. Edward J. Connelly
1st Lt. Fred H. Rogers
2nd Lt. Edgar B. Hawkes
1st Sgt., Baxter, Augustus D.
Mess Sgt., Findlay, John, Jr.
Sup. Sgt., Evans, Frederick G.

Sergeants

Murray, John T.
Hickey, Edward E.
Creedon, Jeremiah E.
Davis, Harold F.
Burns, Mathew J.
Stone, George W.

Corporals

Quinn, Thomas J.
Thompson, Clarence A.
Eastman, Ernest R.
Better, Edward F., Jr.
Brown, James G.
Burrage, George A.

Cooks

Hubbard, Alfred J.
Buckley, Joseph J.

Buglers

Findlay, James W.
Cheever, Carl I.

Mechanic

Holden, Herbert W.

Privates, 1st Class

Beebe, John H., Jr.
Cayting, Aubrey B.
Corcoran, Thomas F.
Dillaway, George L.
Edgar, Brent M.
Goodridge, Carl W.
Harlow, Melburn N.
Holoway, Percie U.
Jeffrey, Charles F.
Lee, John J.
Little, Cyrus A.
Luken, Roy E.

McCullough, John W.
Nelson, Harry E.
Sargent, George D.
Stone, Otis L.
Walsh, Arthur T.
Walsh, Thomas F.
Brockbank, John C.
Fish, Crowell G.
Seabury, William D.

Privates

Barry, Augustine C.
Beane, Raymond J.
Beeler, Cornelius H.
Behrle, Joseph F.
Brockbank, Gray B.
Butler, John M.
Comey, Francis W.
Creedon, Charles E.
Crowley, John J.
Cummings, Timothy E.
Derby, John W.
Dillaway, Manson M.
Dingle, Arthur L.
Doucette, Charles H.
Fay, Edward M.
Foster, Harold H.
Gersinovitch, Saul C.
Griffith, Howard W.
Harper, Robert E.
Heningar, John N.
Huestis, George B.
Luken, Lawrence A.
Marchetti, Frank F.
McCarthy, Frank E.
McLaughlin, Andrew P.
Meuse, Thomas P.
Nutile, Charles C.
Singer, Robert L.
Toth, Stephen F.
Williams, Alexander G.
Wright, Roy H.

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FINE MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Richardson Light Guard Fine Members' Association held a large and enthusiastic meeting at the Armory and offered every assistance possible in case the Company should be called out. This Association was the nucleus of the Citizens' War Relief Committee formed later.

Mar. 26. At a town meeting, March 26, Moderator Eaton appointed a War Relief Committee consisting of E. K. Bowser, John J. Round, J. Warren Poland, S. B. Dearborn, S. K. Hamilton, C. N. Winship, F. H. Marion, W. J. Barrett, T. E. Dwyer, George E. Walker, Michael Low, E. C. Miller, Col. John H. McMahon, R. H. Pierce, H. A. Feindel, A. H. Thayer, S. O. Richardson, C. E. Walton, Dr. J. W. O'Connell and H. M. Dolbeare.

March 27. Company A turned out and paraded through the center of town sounding bugle calls to attract attention to their recruiting campaign. At this date the strength of company, counting men not examined, was 86 men and 2 officers, Lieut. Hawkes being on detached duties at Mexican border with 16th Infantry since March 4.

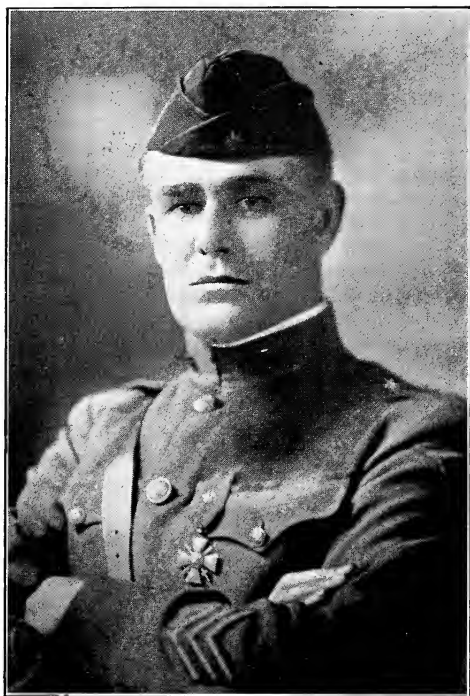
WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE MEETS

March 27. The Citizens' War Relief Committee at a meeting in the Armory voted to raise \$5,000 for use in aid of dependent families if Company A was called out, and to purchase a small motor truck for the Company. The following committee was appointed—Col. John H. McMahon, C. N. Winship, George E. Walker, Capt. C. A. Cheney, Paul W. Mortimer, Albert J. Walton, W. F. Barrett. The meeting also voted to organize a Home Guard Company among the married or single men of 35 years or older, to replace Company A; \$1052 was pledged, C. N. Winship starting the fund with a donation of \$500. It was voted to purchase the truck at a cost of about \$850 or \$900, and to present to Co. A \$1,000. Committee on purchase of truck: Dr. C. L. Sopher, G. E. Campbell, Henry A. Feindel, Wm. E. Knox, Ernest G. Willard.

March 29. Heywood-Wakefield Company subscribed \$800 to the Relief Fund, representing one dollar for each employee.

COMPANY A CALLED TO SERVICE

Friday, March 30. Sensing that something was in the air, Capt. Connelly went home to an early supper. Shortly after five o'clock the telephone rang and on answering, a voice said to the



Maj. Edward J. Connelly

Capt. Co. A, 6th Mass. Inf., N. G. Sept. 1914 to Sept. 1917
Captain Co. G, 104th Inf. (World War)
Adjutant 104th Inf. (World War).
Promoted Major 104th Inf. (World War)

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captain, "This is Col. Sweetser talking. The Sixth Regiment has been called out. You will assemble your company at the Armory and await further orders". Taking a small book containing an alarm list from his pocket, Capt. Connelly immediately got in touch by telephone with his squad leaders and ordered them to get in touch with the men on their lists and report at the Armory. Motorcycles owned by Cheever and Holden were used to assist in rounding up the men and by seven o'clock nearly the entire company had assembled. Privates Fay, Huestis and McLaughlin in Springfield, Williams in Fall River, Sergt. Murray and Cook Hubbard in Lowell were reached by telegraph and reported later. The news had traveled quickly through the town, causing considerable excitement and large crowds lined the sidewalks as Company A marched up and down Main st. Only seven recruits applied, however.

An inspection of equipment was made to determine the needs of the Company for field duty. Orders were received to recruit the Company to 100 men. The Company was quartered at the Armory, although men who resided in Wakefield were given permission to go home but required to report at roll call in the morning. Drills and instruction periods were at once put in force and attention given to securing the required clothing and equipment for fitting out the recruits. Here Capt. Keough, the armorer, gave valuable assistance and was of great help in other ways. It became necessary, owing to new orders, to make and fill out many sets of new papers and service records, for every individual. This was a long and tedious job, causing the clerks many hours of work day and night to complete the data, which was all typewritten. Mr. John D. Beyer of Greenwood volunteered his services and rendered great assistance to the company clerks in the typing.

April 1. Company A marched through town with Harper's band and the Fife and Drum Corps. Company H of Stoneham participated to help recruiting.

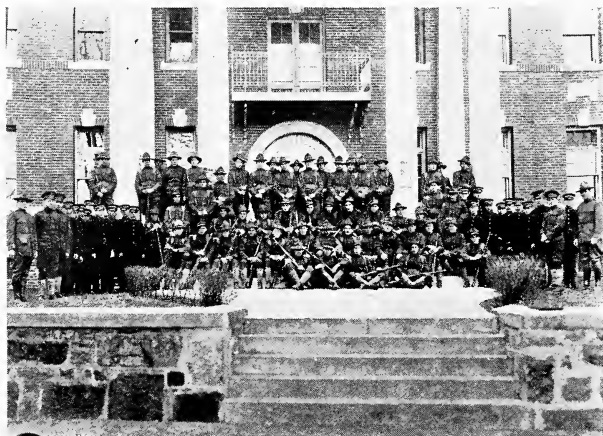
April 2. Company A had been contesting with Company H of Stoneham in the inter-town tournament and on this evening played and won the third and deciding basketball game and prize.

The new Stuart Motor Truck had been presented to the Company after having been inspected by the committee and put in running order by Joseph J. Hughes, proprietor of Hughes' Garage. It was immediately used in making trips to Framingham Arsenal for supplies and enabled the company to secure the necessary equipment much quicker. It proved to be a very valuable asset

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to the company throughout their service until returned to the Public Safety Committee in October, 1917, and was a source of envy to the other companies in the regiment.

Recruits were put through a rigorous course of instructions. Here again the truck became useful, transporting men to the Bay State Rifle Range in groups, greatly facilitating the rifle work, particularly of the new men.



Co. A in April, 1917, Just After the Call to Service

On April 3 the strength of the Company was 95 enlisted men and 3 officers. The men were allowed to get their meals at home if they so wished, but ration money was allowed by government for men provided for at Mortimer's Restaurant. This method eliminated considerable work of handling rations in usual way and made cooking unnecessary at the Armory.

Recruits, despite the active campaign, came slowly, although only six were needed, disproving the famous words of that noted statesman, Mr. Bryan, that if a call came "A million men would spring to arms over night".

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TWENTY-EIGHT RECRUITS WHO ENLISTED TO MAKE UP 100 QUOTA

Bannan, John T.
Blanchard, Leon A.
Byrnes, Fred H.
DeRoche, George B.
Doucette, Jeremiah W., Jr.
Eaton, Nathan W., Jr.
Fairbanks, Ernest E.
Ferrick, Joseph M.
Forrest, William M.
Fraughton, George P.
Galvin, Daniel H.
Glynn, Charles M.
Hale, Albert F.
Hutchinson, Earl R.

Lawler, Frank E.
Lucey, Joseph A.
McNally, James P.
Melanson, Edward J.
Mortimer, Harold E.
Perkins, George S.
Rebenacker, Edward K.
Stanley, Calvin R.
Sullivan, William H.
Walsh, Patrick
Wenzell, William L.
White, George A.
Widell, John M.
Williams, George B.

CONGRESS DECLARED WAR AGAINST GERMANY

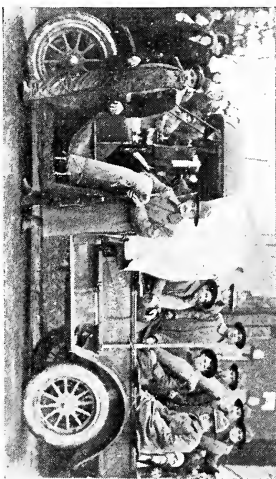
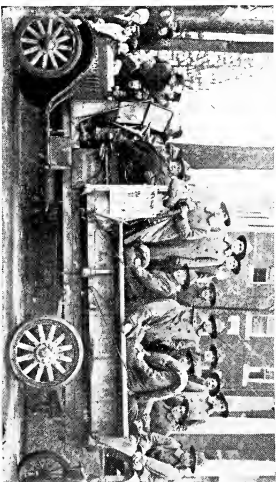
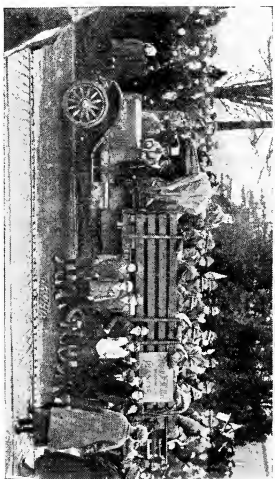
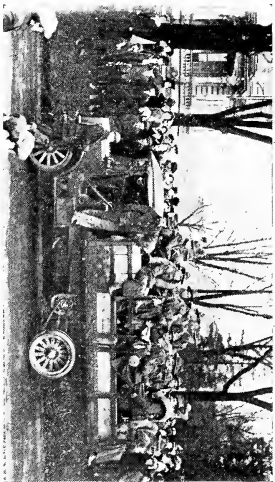
April 6. Congress declared war against Germany on this date. Realizing the slowness of recruiting throughout the country and the enormity of the task, measures were formulated by Congress to put in force draft laws necessary to raise millions for duty.

At last Company A received the required number of recruits to make the 100 enrollment and at noon was formally mustered into United States Service by Capt. Golderman, C. A. C., after army medical officers had that day physically examined and passed the company.

CO. A ORDERED TO FORT REVERE

The Coast Defense authorities of Boston Harbor had asked for a company of Infantry to reinforce the artillery unit at Fort Revere, Hull, Mass. It is a compliment to Company A and its friends, that Col. Sweetser decided that Company A was to be relied on, and best fitted to perform the service, and ordered the Company to proceed to Fort Revere the next morning. This order came about 9.30 in the evening while a meeting of the Public Safety Committee was in session.

All through the night the officers and men worked feverishly to complete records, equipping of the Company and preparing baggage for transportation. Here again our Fine Members' Association, or Public Safety Committee, as it was then termed (having merged with the town committee) proved to be valuable friends. The Transportation Committee secured large trucks of Henry A. Feindel, H. F. Miller Company, G. E. Moncrief, Morrison-Skinner Company, and William E. Knox to carry the men



Co. A, 6th Mass. Inf., N. G., Leaving for Fort Revere, Hull, April 7, 1917
Four pictures taken in front of Armory

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and baggage to Fort Revere. William E. Arnold used his touring car to carry the officers.

April 7. Company A assembled about 8.15 for roll call, after which they were allowed to meet their relatives and friends before final assembly. Long before 8 a. m. the Armory was crowded with fathers and mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts of the Company A soldiers. While it was felt that the regiment would not be sent far away for some time, still there was the uncertainty of what might happen and in many cases leave-takings were pathetic and sad, as well they might have been considering the casualties which took place in later months. The boys, however, kept a smiling front and sang and cheered before they left. Hundreds of flags were waved by the crowd in the street which, considering the short warning, was very large. The trucks formed a column on Main st in front of the Armory and were quickly loaded. About 9 a. m. the column moved away followed by the cheers of the townspeople who had come to see the company depart. From that day to April 29, 1919, when most of the boys received their discharges—over two years—the Richardson Light Guard was destined to play an important part in the history of the World War.

As was the case of Company A in the Spanish War, so it was in the World War, every Company A man, a Volunteer, offering his services to his government, regardless of what the future was to bring forth, and it can be said with pride that the boys lived up to tradition of the old Richardson Light Guard and in their service reflected credit to their town, state and country.

The drill regulations state that "Success in battle is the ultimate object of all military training; success may be looked for only when the training is intelligent and thorough. The excellence of an organization is judged by its field efficiency."

From the time of call to service to the time when the men first went into the lines, officers and men did their best to have Company A carry out the aims expressed so concisely in the foregoing paragraph.

April 7. The day was rainy and cold as the trucks passed through Quincy, Nantasket, and Hull to Fort Revere which was reached about 1.30 p. m. Capt. Connelly reported to Capt. Long in command of the fort who assigned quarters for the men in a storehouse and a building used as a gymnasium. Securing a range the cooks proceeded to prepare a meal while the men cleaned out the buildings. Cots were later obtained and connections made with the steam plant at the fort so that the buildings were

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made comfortable. Electric lights were installed. The weather was quite cold and stormy for some days, followed by a big snow storm making it necessary to do considerable shovelling and cleaning around the fort. Capt. Long proved to be a fine gentleman who did everything possible to make things run smoothly and to help the officers adjust things to the new conditions. In turn, the Company showed their appreciation by their fine conduct at the fort.

A PROGRAM OF TRAINING

A program of training for the company was immediately put in operation and guard duty performed jointly with the men stationed at the fort. An important part of the Company's duty was the furnishing of guard detachments at the Hingham Water Works, Accord Pond Pumping Station, and at the Cable Station near the water at Hull. This cable station controlled the wires leading to the fire control stations at the various forts. Any injury to these cables would put the fire control apparatus out of working order and cause a serious situation. Likewise, cutting off the water supply would cause serious trouble in handling the big gun batteries, and general discomfort. As the distance to the outer posts was from 12 to 16 miles, the groups remained on duty a certain number of days on each relief, being visited and inspected by the officers in motorcycle side car.

Calisthenics, close order drill, sighting and aiming exercises, 22-calibre rifle practise, bayonet exercises, extended order drills, range practise, advance guard work, schools and inspections, together with the regular guard duty made a busy routine for the Company. Consistent with safety, leaves for a period or hours were granted to the men, and entertainments and sports arranged for their enjoyment. Later, on orders, trenches were dug at strategic points to guard against landing parties, and tests made without any previous warning, by a call to arms on the bugle, to see if the company was efficient. Needless to say the harbor officers were astonished at the speed, precision, and intelligence displayed by the Company at these tests.

Frequent visits to the fort by relatives and friends helped to break the monotony of drill. The arrival of the case filled with gifts of useful articles, fruit, candy, etc., sent by the Lady Associates of Company A at regular intervals was always a source for great rejoicing.

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CO. A LADY ASSOCIATES FORM

April 11. This organization was formed on this date at the Armory and was composed of mothers, wives, sisters, sweethearts, lady relatives, and friends of the boys. Its main object to have an organization through which families and friends could send gifts and comfort to the Company. The officers were Mrs. Kathryn I. Connelly, president; Mrs. Fred H. Rogers, treasurer; Miss Marjorie D. Hawkes, secretary. The organization functioned separately from the Public Safety Committee and continued until the Company A boys returned home. It was a wonderful organization and it will always be remembered by the boys.

Several of the fraternal organizations and Spanish War Veterans at various times sent comfort boxes to the members of their lodges. The Wakefield Aerie of Eagles presented the Company with a chest of first aid materials, splints, bandages, and medicines in convenient tablet form with directions for use. This chest was prepared by Dr. Woodbury and was very complete. It proved its worth in several emergencies when the Regimental Hospital was short of medical supplies and was used by the Regimental Surgeons. Capt. Connelly on leaving the company at Westfield left directions for it to be returned as an order had been issued prohibiting any medicines to be distributed except by the Regimental Surgeons.

LOSSES BY DISCHARGE

During the month the Company lost several of its members. Sgts. Murray and Evans were discharged April 23 by order of government to resume their respective occupations—ammunition plant at Lowell and plant making submarine valves respectively—and the following men were discharged because of dependents at home: Privates Charles Doucette, A. B. Cayting, Howard W. Griffith, also Private John White, transferred to Company H. These places were filled later by new recruits from Wakefield. Losses during May by discharge for dependents, Private 1st Class Foster, May 16.

May. On recommendation of Capt. Connelly, Sgt. J. E. Creedon and Sgt. E. E. Hickey were sent to Officers' Training School at Plattsburg, N. Y., on May 12 and May 14, respectively. Both of these efficient "non-coms" successfully passed the examinations and later were commissioned second Lieutenants. Corp. G. L. Dillaway passed the examinations for West Point and left the company. Capt. Long, who had been in command at the fort, was transferred and promoted, his place being taken by a former

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National Guard officer, Capt. Walker, who at one time was lieutenant in Company H of Stoneham and known to the Wakefield officers. Though a strict disciplinarian he was very helpful to the officers and men of Company A who had been rivals in earlier days. He praised the company highly for their fine conduct and the general neatness at inspections.

While at the fort the company had several medical inspections and were vaccinated for small pox and also inoculated again against typhoid and para-typhoid, making them, as it proved, immune to those diseases. So much confidence was placed in Company A and its officers that the Regimental Officers visited the company but rarely, each time highly complimenting the men on their appearance and cleanliness of quarters and on the nice reports of the Fort's officers.

ORDERS TO RECRUIT TO 150 MEN

Saturday, May 19. Capt. Connelly received orders from 6th Regiment Headquarters to recruit company from 100 to 150 enlisted men and on Sunday, May 20, sent Lieut. Rogers with Corp. Edward F. Better and Priv. Gray B. Brockbank as assistants to take charge of the recruiting at the Armory. Recruiting age was from 18 to 35.

Owing to their new duties both Col. Sweetser and Capt. Connelly who were members of the State Examining Board for officers were relieved from this service. Having obtained permission from Col. Sweetser and the commander at the fort, Capt. Connelly brought a detachment of six squads to act as escort in the usual Memorial Day exercises of Post 12, G. A. R., Wednesday, May 30, returning to the fort directly after the exercises, being accompanied to the station by the band—a suggestion of Selectman John A. Meloney.

RECRUITS LEAVE FOR CAMP DARLING

June. Fifty-four recruits were passed and left Sunday, June 3, under Lieut. Rogers for Camp Darling, South Framingham, where they arrived and made camp in a rainstorm. Later Capt. Connelly detailed Cook Hubbard, Supply Sgt. Davis, Sgts. Stone, Eastman, Corporals Fish, Burrage, Heustis and Edgar to assist Lieut. Rogers with the recruit company. On June 29 Lieut. Hawkes, who had been on duty with the 16th U. S. Infantry at the Mexican Border, returned to Camp Darling and joined with Lieut. Rogers in instructing the recruits. Since Lieut. Rogers left the fort in May, Capt. Connelly was the only officer with the company there.

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Losses this month—Corp. James W. Findlay, June 24, 1917, for dependents.

NEW MEN TO MAKE 150, CO. A

Bishop, Harry W.
Burns, John F.
Cayting, Heywood C.
Collins, James
Coombs, Carl L.
Crocker, Donald G.
Devlin, Charles M.
Devoe, William
Donegan, John P.
Doucette, John M.
Dubois, Victor A.
Duggan, John P.
Dulong, Frank R.
Edwards, Fayette R.
Fall, William L.
Ferrick, James F.
Gammons, Frank W.
Gerard, Stanley R.
Gibbons, John C.
Goodwin, Albert C.
Greenleaf, Harold H.
Hanright, Thomas E.
Hatfield, George E.
Hobby, Harry R.
Holt, Arthur R.
Hurton, James F.
Lane, Thomas J.
Latham, Edward C.
Lenners, Eugene J.
Malonson, Frank J.

Philbrick, William A.
McGrath, John C.
McKenney, Frank L.
McKenna, Robert
McMahon, John E.
McMaster, Henry
McWhinnie, Ernest J.
McWhinnie, Percy
Neiss, Archie J.
Oldfield, John W.
O'Neill, James D.
Palumbo, John
Preston, James A.
Reissle, Frederick L.
Rhodes, William L.
Robertson, Herbert L.
Seabury, Frank J.
Seabury, James S.
Seaman, Frank T.
Singer, Norman C.
Stone, Roy P.
Vallard, Wilfred A.
Weaver, Percy R.
Wheeler, Sylvanus K.
Young, Percy

Enlisted But Discharged

Martin, J. Edward
Morse, Frederick A.

Reservists who reported July 26

Burns, William F. Doucette, John A.

During the tour of duty at the fort only one serious accident occurred. Private Nutile accidentally shot himself in the foot while at Accord Pond. A number of promotions were made which appear in roster. Orders were received for regiment to mobilize at Camp Darling on June 30, but the harbor authorities desired the company left on duty at Fort Revere so the orders were rescinded. New orders came July 5 to report at Camp Darling and the company at once made preparations—cleaning up quarters, packing, and weighing baggage and loading same on car.

July 6. Company A left Fort Revere after final inspection and marched to railroad station at Hull at 12 o'clock and en-trained for South Framingham via New York and New Haven, R. R. Before leaving, Capt. Walker complimented the company very highly on their work, conduct, and discipline and the excel-lent care of quarters and equipment, and told Capt. Connelly that Company A was the best National Guard Company with which he had ever come in contact. This bore out the judgment of Col. Sweetser in selecting Company A for this duty with regular troops.

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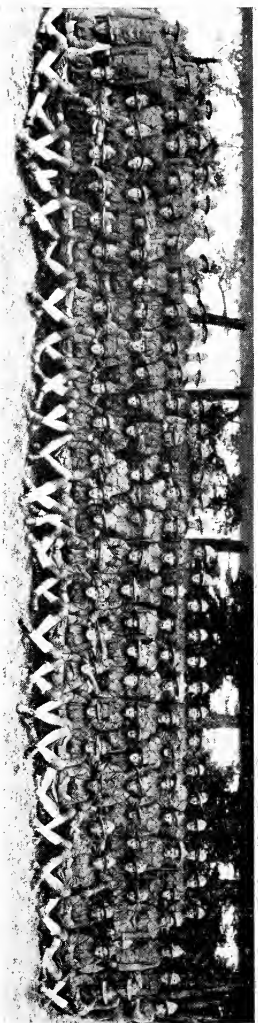
COMPANY A ARRIVES AT SOUTH FRAMINGHAM

July 6-21, 1917. Arriving at South Framingham siding at 2.35 p. m., the Company marched to Camp Darling, creating a fine impression by their soldierly appearance. The company was re-assembled and Capt. Connelly took over the command of the recruits. Lieut. Rogers and non-coms. had trained the recruits exceptionally well, carrying on as a separate company so that when the recruit company was combined with the older men, Company A proceeded with their training as a unit. Camp Darling was pleasantly situated at some distance from the old camp grounds occupied by the 9th Regiment, which later became the 101st Infantry. Under Col. Sweetser the 6th Regiment commenced a strenuous training program with very strict discipline which soon proved results, welding together as fine a body of intelligent citizen soldiers and officer personnel as could be found anywhere in the United States and highly efficient.

THE MARCH TO CAMP DEVENS, AYER

July 21. The Regiment being ordered to Camp Devens at Ayer, camp was broken and a three-day march commenced on this date. New camp was made that day at Sudbury, shelter tents being used. Sunday, July 22, the Regiment continued on to Boxboro at 8 a. m., arriving and making camp at 2.30 p. m., the men in good condition. Monday, July 23, the Regiment left Boxboro at 8.30 a. m. and marched to Camp Devens, Ayer, going into camp at 4 p. m. after a very hard day. The heat for three days was very oppressive, temperature ranging from 95 to 110 degrees, and with the dust made marching conditions with full equipment very trying. Company A was the only company in the entire regiment to come through each day's march with every man present, showing the stuff the men were made of and their excellent physical condition due to good training and discipline.

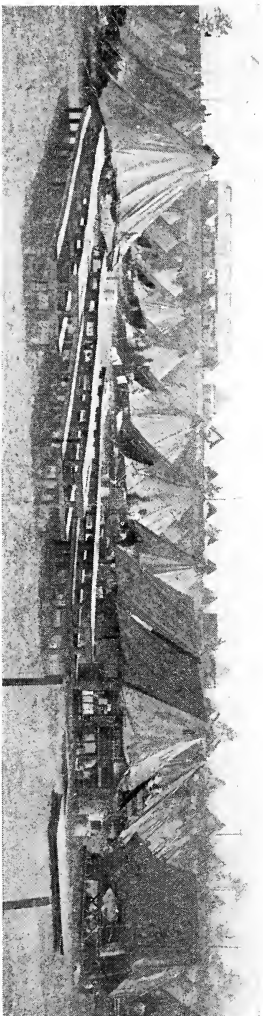
On the second day's march, at Maynard, the townspeople turned out to welcome the regiment and provided trucks with tonics and refreshments for the boys. Once again on these marches Company A was fortunate in having the truck, as camp baggage, including cooking ranges and utensils, could be sent ahead of the column, tents set up and meals prepared before the regiment appeared, which added to the comfort of the men after each hot day's march. At Camp Devens the 6th Regiment Camp was located near the main road to Shirley. Large tents were set up, company streets re-arranged, incinerators built, cooking facilities



Co. A, 6th Regt., Mass. Inf., N. G.

At Camp Darling, Framingham, July, 1917

At time picture was taken men were not all present as some were on detailed duty



Company A, 6th Regt., Street at Camp Devens, 1917

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improved, long mess tables built, and preparations made for a supposedly long stay.

Camp Devens at the time was in process of construction and a very busy place. The camp when completed was seven miles by two miles, area 8960 acres, number of buildings 1400; road laid 20 miles; electric wiring 400 miles, heating pipes 60 miles, shower baths 2200, capacity estimated at 43,000 men, maximum men employed 9176.

In addition to the usual training program, general guard duty was performed around the whole camp including special guards during days when the civilian workers were being paid. Considerable attention was given to bayonet attack, extended order drill, arm and flag signalling. Lectures by foreign officers were given on the war.

On August 5, the regiment, although in the United States Service, in conformity with the new laws, was "inducted" into service and became a part of one great United States Army. On August 14, Sergt. Hickey and Sergt. Creedon were discharged at Plattsburg to become 2nd lieutenants attached to the new 76th National Army Division at Camp Devens being formed. The company was glad to greet them on their arrival at Devens and received the benefit of the knowledge obtained at Plattsburg.

DISTURBING RUMORS

Early in August various rumors were afloat concerning changes to take place in the regiment. These caused considerable worry to officers and men who had worked hard and faithfully giving their best in making the regiment a wonderful organization and building up a fine morale which now seemed threatened.

Aug. 13. These disturbing rumors finally became facts on the receipt of a telegram by General Edwards, Aug. 13, 1917, at the headquarters of the Northeastern Department, Boston, ordering the formation of the 26th Division. Immediately a sadness fell upon the regiment as it became known that the regiment in common with the 5th and 8th was to be broken up and combined with other regiments to make war strength units. A let-down of morale was noticeable and much bitterness felt that so fine a regiment should be sacrificed. Officers who had worked hard with their companies were almost in tears at the thought of breaking up, and friends of the soldiers not knowing the circumstances, became bitter also at what was considered an injustice. It was thought for a time that the Regiment would become a permanent depot brigade to furnish replacements to the Division, and cap-

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tains clung to the forlorn hope that most of their organizations would be preserved.

Aug. 23. Realizing that a separation must finally result, Capt. Connelly obtained permission to take the company to Wakefield, Aug. 25th, for a farewell visit before the dreaded changes occurred.

LIEUT. HAWKES FIRST R. L. G. MEMBER TO GO TO FRANCE

On Aug. 23, 1917, Lieut. Edgar B. Hawkes was detached and assigned to Train Headquarters and Military Police of the 26th Division and left for France with an advance group of officers to make arrangements for billeting of the Division. Thus the Richardson Light Guard had an important part in the early history of the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

At a special meeting of the Public Safety Committee at the State Armory, committees were appointed for a complimentary reception and send-off to Company A, 6th Regiment, Richardson Light Guard. Chairman Charles E. Walton presided and committees were appointed. It was proposed to give the boys a banquet, but on suggestion of Capt. Connelly, who thought the men should have as much time as possible with their friends and families, it was decided to have an informal affair at the Armory and a dance.

Aug. 25. Company A left Ayer at 2.17 p. m., reached Boston at 3.40 o'clock, arrived at Wakefield Center at 4.52. A big crowd and committee greeted the company at the station. The company marched up Main st in column of squads to the Rockery and back to the Armory in column of platoons, making a very fine appearance. After placing their equipment in the Armory, the company was dismissed until evening. The transportation expenses of the company were paid by the Public Safety Committee.

CHAPTER TEN

THE FAREWELL RECEPTION TO COMPANY A, AUG. 25 AND 26, 1917

A reception was held at the Armory from 7.30 to 8.30 p. m., after which Rev. Florence J. Halloran of St. Joseph's Church gave a brief address of welcome to the company. Dancing was then enjoyed by those who stayed, refreshments being served by the Lady Associates of Company A until the close at 11.30.



Co. A Leaving for Camp Devens, Aug. 26, 1917. Home for Farewell

A complete roster of the war company will be found at the end of this history.

The company assembled at 10.30 a. m., Sunday, for the final parting. A touching farewell address was given by Father

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Halloran at the Armory. Main street was crowded with the townspeople to give the boys a "good send off" as the company escorted by the committee, State Guard Company, Post 12, G. A. R., Camp 39, U. S. W. V., and Boy Scouts paraded to the Upper Station to take the train. This farewell visit and reception will long be remembered by the men of Company A who soon after were to be sent to the battlefields of France.

TRANSFERS TAKE PLACE

During the next few days the dreaded breaking up of the Regiment took place, orders following rapidly. Lieut. Rogers was transferred to Company M, 6th Regiment, and shortly after detached and sent to Camp Bartlett, Westfield, as assistant to the Camp Quartermaster whose duties were multiplying. First Lieutenant Frank R. Flanders of Company M, 6th Regiment, had been assigned to Company A, but was transferred to the 104th and left with that detachment August 28. The following transfers took place:

Private Carl I. Cheever to the Headquarters Company and later to the Train Headquarters, 26th Division.

COMPANY A MEN TRANSFERRED TO 101st MILITARY POLICE, AUG. 29, 1917

Cook
Harlow, Melburn N.
Bugler
Galvin, Daniel H.
Privates, First Class
Harper, Robert E.
Lawlor, Frank E.
Walsh, Thomas F.
Privates
Blanchard, Leon A.
Byrnes, Fred H.
Champagne, Frank L.
Devlin, Charles M.
Doucette, John M.
Dulong, Frank R.
Fairbanks, Ernest E.
Gammons, Frank W.

Gibbons, John C.
Goodwin, Albert C.
Greenleaf, Harold H.
Hobby, Harry R.
Holt, Arthur R.
Loughlin, Patrick E.
McWhinnie, Ernest J.
McWhinnie, Percy C.
McKenna, Robert B.
McKenney, Frank L.
Mortimer, Harold E.
Preston, James A.
Robertson, Herbert L.
Weaver, Percy R.
Williams, George B.
Wheeler, Sylvanus K.

Cook Harlow was later transferred to Engineer Train and Bugler Galvin transferred back to Company A.

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FIFTY COMPANY A MEN TRANSFERRED TO 104TH INFANTRY, AUGUST 28, 1917

Sergeants

Eastman, Ernest R.
Brown, James G.
Better, Edward F., Jr.
Burrage, George A.

Corporals

Walsh, Arthur T.
Fish, Crowell G.
Brockbank, John C.
Edgar, Brent M.
Heustis, George B.
Little, Cyrus A.
Brockbank, Gray B.
Goodridge, Carl W.
Comey, Francis W.
Nelson, Harry E.
Eaton, Nathan W., Jr.
Wenzel, William L.
Stone, Otis L.

Mechanic

Seabury, William D.

Private, 1st Class

Beeler, Cornelius H.

Privates

Bishop, Harry W.
Cayting, Hayward C.
Collins, James
Coombs, Carl L.

Cummings, Timothy E.

Devoe, William
Donegan, John P.
Duggan, John P.
Edwards, Fayette R.
Ferrick, James F.
Forrest, William M.
Fraughton, George P.
Gerard, Stanley R.
Hanright, Thomas E.
Hatfield, George E.
Horton, James F.
Malonson, Frank J.
Melonson, Fred P.
Mellon, Ernest E.
McGrath, John F.
McLaughlin, Andrew P.
Neiss, Archie J.
O'Neill, James D.
Palumbo, John
Rhodes, William H.
Reebenacker, Edward K.
Reissle, Frederick L.
Seabury, Frank J.
Seabury, James S.
Singer, Norman C.
Stone, Roy P.

Of these Corporals Edgar, Goodridge and Stone went to Company K and Corporals Heustis, Little, Comey, Eaton and Nelson to Company G. All the other men were assigned to Company A.

August 30. Transferred to 101st Engineer Train.

Corporal

Beebe, John H., Jr.

Mechanic

Williams, Alexander G.

Private

Doucette, Jeremiah W., Jr.

Sept. 1. On new physical examination Company A lost two more good soldiers, Privates Robert L. Singer and William H. Sullivan.

Capt. Connelly was very pleasantly surprised on being presented with a very fine pair of field glasses by the members of the company, Sergeant Stone making the presentation for the committee. The Captain responded feelingly, thanking the men for their regard and regretting the changes being ordered to take place.

Sept. 3. On Monday, Sept. 3, another transfer of men took place, fifteen privates to 102nd Infantry (R. S. O. No. 161), the detachment leaving for New Haven, Conn.

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TRANSFERRED TO 102ND INFANTRY, CAMP YALE, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Privates, First-Class and Privates			Co.
1st Class	Barry, Augustine C.		Supply
	Derby, John W.		E
	DeRoche, George B.		F
1st Class	Fay, Edward M.		D
	Ferrick, Joseph M.		E
	Hutchinson, Earl R.		Supply
	Jeffrey, Charles F.		E
1st Class	Lee, John J.		D
	Lucey, Joseph A.		E
1st Class	Luken, Roy E.		E
1st Class	McCullough, John W.		E
	Meuse, Thomas E.		F
	Nutile, Charles C.		?
	Seaman, Frank T.		Supply
	Walsh, Patrick		F

THE REGIMENT LEAVES FOR WESTFIELD

Sept. 4. The regiment, much depleted by this time, was ordered to Camp Bartlett, Westfield, with Lieut.-Col. Damon in command. The area at Devens occupied by the regiment was thoroughly cleaned. Those left with the company will remember well the method of taking up the long line of large iron pipe which supplied the camp with water. Most of the dirt was removed from around the pipe and men strung out in line on both sides. At a signal on the bugle the men took hold and lifted all the pipe from the trench and laid it on the ground nearby, workmen later taking the lengths apart. The trench was filled by the soldiers who then returned to their duties of preparing for Westfield.

Entraining at Ayer at 9 a. m. the regiment moved to Westfield arriving at the siding near the Camp about 6 p. m. Before the train was unloaded an order was issued to immediately transfer 29 privates to the 101st Infantry in camp at the state grounds, Framingham, using the same train in which they already were. This was a sad blow as it was hoped at Westfield to again build up the company. To the credit of the men transferred, it may be said that they accepted the order like true soldiers, although disappointed at being sent from the company. While making preparations the company was detrained and shelter tent camp made in the field near the tracks. A light meal was furnished. At this time it was quite dark and difficult to unload baggage cars as we were without lanterns. The Company truck had been sent over the road from Ayer and was late in arriving, but on its arrival the company records were unpacked and work commenced on making out service records for the men going to the 101st. The service records were completed and properly checked late in the

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evening and the train moved to Framingham. In a short time after, the 101st started on their journey to France. All of the 29 men transferred were assigned to the Headquarters Company of the 101st Infantry.

Privates, First-Class—Raymond J. Beane, Joseph F. Behrle, John J. Crowley, Arthur L. Dingle, John N. Henningar, Frank E. McCarthy, George E. Sargent, Stephen F. Toth.

Privates—John T. Bannon, John T. Burns, John M. Butler, Donald S. Crocker, Victor A. Dubois, William L. Fall, Charles M. Glynn, Albert F. Hale, Thomas J. Lane, Edward C. Latham, Eugene F. Lenners, John E. McMahon, James P. McNally, Edward J. Melanson, John W. Oldfield, George S. Perkins, William A. Philbrick, Calvin R. Stanley, Wilfred A. Vallard, Roy H. Wright and Percy H. Young.

CO. A AT CAMP BARTLETT, WESTFIELD

Sept. 5. Early in the morning the regiment marched to its position at Camp Bartlett, Westfield, near the spot where Company A had camped in 1905 during the mobilization that year. The men at once set up the large tents and spent considerable time in cleaning the ground of brush and making a fine company street. After this was done they had to move to a new spot and do the work over again. Later Company A and Company B were combined for drill purposes and mess. Surplus property was turned in to the supply officer as it was evident that the company would not receive any more recruits and that the final blow would fall soon.

THE COMPANY MOVES TO STOREHOUSE IN WESTFIELD

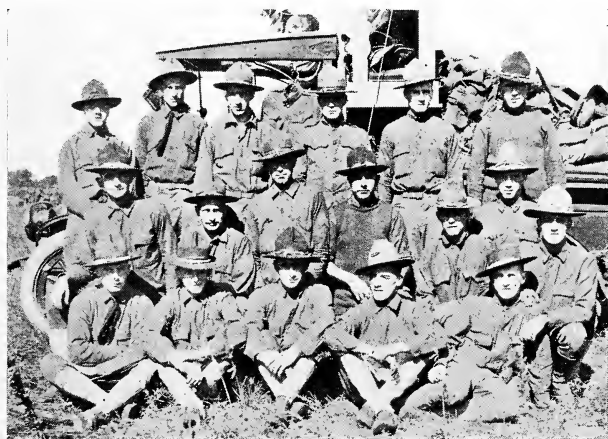
Capt. Connelly in addition to company duties was assigned to Camp Quartermaster. Directed by General Cole to find a suitable building for storehouse purposes, the captain searched the city and decided on the brick building at 369 Elm street on the river bank. This building had two floors available and elevator, and proved to be just right for the purpose. During this month the officers in charge had been working feverishly to get this 52nd brigade organized and equipped, but were handicapped by lack of proper quarters and supplies. The Northeastern Department at Boston endorsed the selection of building and ordered Capt. Connelly to make necessary contracts, which was done, and quarters taken over with the captain in charge of quartermaster's supplies. Later Lieut. Rogers occupied the upper floor and took charge of ordnance supplies for the brigade. Capt. Connelly was to have been furnished a detail to assist, but received permission from General Cole to take all that was left of his company to the storehouse, although most of the men were non-coms.

Sept. 9. Before the company moved to storehouse in West-

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field, they gave a supper to the men of Company A who had been transferred to Camp Bartlett. This proved to be a very enjoyable and thoughtful event, as it was a long time before the company members came together again for a reunion.

Sept. 12. The company moved their baggage in their truck and marched to their new home at the storehouse on this date.



Co. A at Westfield with Company Truck

They soon established comfortable quarters in a large room in the rear of building. Surplus equipment had been coming in to Westfield from various camps and was piling up on platforms at the railroad station in confusion. Capt. Connelly, using the company truck and men, quickly cleaned up the property and transported it to the storehouse where it was carefully sorted and listed—Lieut. Rogers taking the supplies needed for his department. The government depots were also sending supplies by express and under the efficient management of Capt. Connelly and Lieut. Rogers things were soon running smoothly and the work of equipping the brigade greatly facilitated. Thus Company A played a big part in getting the men of the 26th Division ready for service in time to become the first National Guard Division to be

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organized, equipped, and sent to France, despite the fact that the 42nd Division was slated to leave before the 26th.

CAPT. CONNELLY TRANSFERRED

A few days later Capt. Connelly received an order transferring him to the 103rd Infantry, which was immediately rescinded. On September 19 he again received Special Order 25, Headquarters, 26th Division, Boston, transferring him to the 104th Infantry, but ordering him to remain at storehouse until further notice. This order was sent by telegraph. On Thursday, Sept. 27, he was assigned to command of Company G, 104th Infantry, but ordered to remain at storehouse until Sept. 30. On this date the captain turned over the property to Capt. Thomas W. Doyle of Company G, 6th Regiment, who was that day assigned to command the small detachment of Company A.

Sept. 30. Bidding farewell to the faithful few who were left of this remarkable Company A, for which he had worked so hard to build up, the captain sorrowfully returned to the camp grounds and took charge of his new command. It required considerable energy to equip them and whip them into shape as they had been without a captain for two weeks. Five corporals of Company A had been transferred to this Company which was destined to see some rough action later in France.

The remaining members of Company A at the storehouse were on duty until late in October when they again returned to Camp Bartlett and joined the regiment. Capt. Doyle was transferred shortly after coming to the storehouse, and in his place came Capt. Lucke of Worcester, who had commanded Company A in the Old 2nd Regiment. He was finally discharged for physical reasons and his place taken by Capt. Sullivan. The following men made up the company at this time, Sergt. Baxter having reported back after a sojourn in the hospital for a broken arm received while at Camp Devens; Private J. A. Doucette and James F. Hurton discharged for physical reasons; Private Holoway had been transferred to the Truck Company, 101st Ammunition train:

Supply Sgt. Davis
Mess Sgt. Findlay
Sgt. Burns
Sgt. Stone
Sgt. Thompson
Sgt. Quinn
Corp. Holden
Corp. Coreoran
Corp. Creedon

Corp. Widell
Cook Hubbard
Cook Buckley
Mechanic McMaster
Bugler Marchetti
Bugler Galvin
Private W. Burns
Private Gersinovitch

The Sixth Regiment left Camp Bartlett in November for Camp Greene, Charlotte, S. C., under Lieut.-Col. Damon and afterward lost the old regimental designation, becoming a part of the 4th Regular Pioneers. The camp, although in the South,

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proved to be a cold place and the men passed through a disagreeable Winter.



Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C., 1918

COMPANY A IN THE SOUTHERN CAMPS

The company remained at Camp Green until February engaged in routine camp details. Early in the month another move was made to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, where the company spent the Summer until August. Here a number of promotions took place. Sergeants Davis and Thompson were commissioned Second Lieutenants and Sergeant Quinn sent to Officers' School at Camp Gordon. Corporals Corcoran and Widell were made sergeants. Corp. Creedon was transferred to the 1st Anti Aircraft Battalion and left for France. During this time the company lost its old designation of Company A, 6th Massachusetts Infantry, and became a part of the 4th Pioneer Regiment in which Lieut. Davis was assigned to the Supply Company and Lieut. Thompson to Company A. Private William Burns and Bugler Marchetti were transferred to headquarters company. Sergt. Quinn was commissioned second lieutenant later. Cpl. Manson M. Dillaway left for aviation training field afterward being commissioned 2nd Lieutenant. Lt. Edward E. Hickey while at Camp Devens, assigned to Headquarters, supervised construction on the large cantonment rifle range costing \$100,000. Later, in France, as Divisional Range Officer, he assisted in construction of three rifle Ranges in the 76th Division area.

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THE 4TH PIONEERS LEAVE FOR FRANCE

Late in August the 4th Pioneers entrained for Newport News, remaining there for two weeks when they finally embarked for France. At last, after weary months of waiting and trying every means to get across, the Richardson Light Guard finally realized their wish—that of taking part in the final struggle in France. Although not all had the opportunity of going to the front, still each had his part to play in the conflict. For every man in the fighting units it is estimated that three men were needed behind the lines in the services of supply, administration, etc. All the original company (with the exception of Lieut. Quinn, remained in the South; Lieut. Creedon, kept at Camp Devens; Cadet G. L. Dillaway at West Point; and Lieut. Manson Dillaway at aviation field in the South) reached France before the war ended.

During the trip across, influenza spread among the men, resulting in the death of Cook Buckley while on the boat. He was buried at St. Nazaire, France.

When the regiment arrived at St. Nazaire, France, it was sent to Le Mans where it was broken up and scattered as replacements

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to various units. Lieut. Davis reached the 32nd Division, Lieut. Thompson was detailed on billeting work, Sergt. Stone sent to Bordeaux, Sergt. Corcoran to Prisoner-of-War Company, St. Nazaire; Sergt. Baxter to Le Mans, Sergt. Widell to Central Records Office in Bourges and Chaumont, Mechanic McMaster to Le Mans, Cook Hubbard to Le Mans, Sergt. Galvin to 330th Regiment, 83rd Division; Sergt. Marchetti to Rifle Range, Monces; Private Burns and Gersinovitch remained at headquarters in Le Mans, Corp. Creedon was fortunate enough to get over in time to see active service with Anti-Aircraft Battalion in the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, and Meurthe-Moselle fronts. He was promoted to sergeant and later made battalion-sergeant-major. Sergt. Findlay was made regimental-sergeant-major in Le Mans area, 83rd Div.



Pistols Used in World War
.45 & .38 double-action 6-shot revolver
.45-cal., Colt Automatic 7-shot



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EQUIPMENT OF SOLDIERS

When first called out the soldiers wore the olive drab wool blouse and breeches, russet shoes, canvas puttees, campaign hat, and O. D. overcoat. Rifle was U. S. Magazine model 1903 with knife bayonet. A web cartridge belt (with suspenders) from which hung the haversack, canteen, first-aid pouch, bayonet scabbard, and intrenching tools completed the ordnance equipment. One heavy O. D. blanket or two light-weight blankets, poncho, extra underwear, shoes and toilet kit were made in collar roll, shelter tent was on the outside.

At Camp Devens the collar roll was discarded for the new pack equipment—a cut of which appears. This pack complete consisted of a haversack and pack currier to which the pack was attached in either long or short roll, the whole carried high on the back with supporting straps around the shoulders. The cartridge belt was supported by suspenders attached to the pack straps. The canteen, first aid pouch, and wire cutters were hung on the cartridge belt. The intrenching tool was attached to haversack. Bayonet scabbard hung from belt or was attached to haversack. Above the haversack was the meat can pouch containing meat can and cover enclosing knife, fork and spoon, condiment can was carried in haversack. The poncho gave way to the O. D. raincoat which, in many cases, was not waterproof. The blankets and extra articles were rolled with shelter tent half and placed in the pack carrier. The intrenching tools were a wire cutter, small shovel, a pick-mattock, and a hand ax. These were distributed in each squad in proper proportions, each man carrying a tool. Overcoats and rain coats when not worn, were carried in horseshoe roll over pack.

R. L. G. Non-Commissioned Officers Promoted to Commissioned Officers During the World War

Cpl. Manson M. Dillaway, commissioned 2nd Lt. Aviation Section; 1st Sgt. James G. Brown, commissioned 2nd Lt. Inf., assigned 126th Inf.; Sgt. Edward E. Hickey, graduated Plattsburg School (Officers), commissioned 2nd Lt. Inf., promoted 1st Lt.; Sgt. Jeremiah E. Creedon, graduated Plattsburg Officers' School, commissioned 2nd Lt. Inf., promoted 1st Lt.; Sgt. Thomas J. Quinn, graduated 4th Officers' Training School, commissioned 2nd Lt. Inf.; Sgt. Harold F. Davis, commissioned 2nd Lt. Inf.; Cpl. G. Lincoln Dillaway, Cadet, West Point, graduated and commissioned 2nd Lt., promoted 1st Lt.; Cpl. Gray B. Broekbank, graduated Army Candidates' School, France, and commissioned 2nd Lt. Inf. Officers' Reserve Corps.

Note:—Sgt. Clarence A. Thompson, commissioned 2nd Lt. Inf. No photo could be obtained so does not appear in group.

NEW EQUIPMENT IN FRANCE

Conditions in trench warfare required knowledge of new arms. Heretofore the rifle and bayonet were the principal weapons. Now came the newer weapons—trench mortars, 37 m. m. guns, automatic chauchat rifle, hand grenades, rifle grenades, all of which the “dough boy” had to have knowledge. Trench knives and Bolos were also added.



**Equipment of Soldier When
Called to Service**

Russet shoes gave way to the heavy hob-nailed field shoes, canvas puttees to the wool wrapped puttees, campaign hats to the steel trench helmet and wool overseas hat. French gas masks were added and then the English Box Respirator mask. After a time the French mask was discarded and dependence placed wholly on the box respirator. The cartridge belt had 10 pockets, each containing two clips of five cartridges, having a total of 100 rounds. When going into action, the soldier was given one or two bandoliers of ammunition, each of sixty rounds, in addition to that in his belt. The auto-rifle men or team had considerable extra weight to carry in the ammunition for those weapons.

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COMPOSITION OF A DIVISION

On the return of Army officers sent to France to study conditions, tentative tables of organizations, were hastily prepared as a basis for the new divisions to work on. A rifle company which had been 150 men was now 250, a battalion 1,000, and an infantry regiment about 3700 consisting of twelve rifle companies, a headquarters company, a machine gun company, and a supply company. A headquarters company like the 101st, to which 29 Company A boys had been transferred, was divided into five platoons—headquarters, pioneers, signal, 37 m. m. gun, sappers and bombers (stokes motor)—most of the Richardson Light Guard boys were in the last three. The boys who had been sent to the 102nd and 104th were in the rifle companies. A division comprised about 27,000 men, divided into two infantry brigades of two regiments each, an artillery brigade, engineer regiment, field signal battalion, train headquarters, and military police; the trains—(ammunition, supplies, sanitary, engineer), three machine gun battalions and several smaller units. As a German Division numbered about 12,000 in the last year of the war, the size of an American division at full strength can be visualized. The necessary vehicles for a company comprised a rolling kitchen, a ration and baggage wagon, a ration cart, a combat wagon which carried ammunition, and a water cart. These required fifteen mules, which were furnished by the Supply Company as were also the drivers.

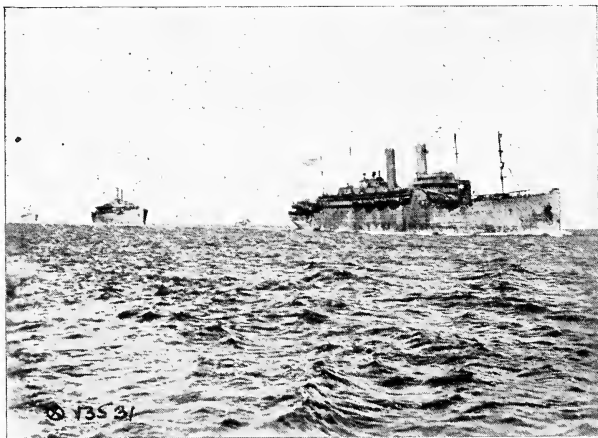
To assemble and equip this large body of men in such a short time required a tremendous amount of energy, but was finally accomplished and the 26th had the distinction of being the first division to go to France completely equipped as such—the Regular Army, 1st Division, although in France was not complete. Thus, the 26th, a New England National Guard Division, was numbered among the first 50,000 American troops to be sent and this, of course, included the Richardson Light Guard. It will be remembered that a tremendous effort had been made to send the 42nd Division ahead of the 26th, as this division which was made up of units from various parts of the United States and officered in a large part by Regular Army officers, was to have had the honor.

LEAVING FOR FRANCE

The story of the Richardson Light Guard must necessarily be a part of that of the Yankee Division as nearly all of the 150 Company A members had been transferred to it. The 101st and 102nd became the 51st Brigade and the 103rd and 104th the 52nd

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Brigade. Units of the 101st, which had assembled at the old camp grounds in Framingham left about September 7, 1917, sailing direct from New York on the Mallory Line boats and landing at St. Nazaire, France, Sept. 21, 1917. The 102nd Regiment at Camp Yale, New Haven, left New York about Sept. 19, arriving about October 9, 1917. The 104th Infantry and 101st Ammunition Train left Westfield from Sept. 27 to October 8, arriving in France, Oct. 21 to 28. Company A with First Battalion of the 104th left Montreal on Oct. 10, arriving at Liverpool, spending a few days at Borden rest camp and leaving for LeHavre, France, from Southampton.



A Convoy of 104th Going to France October, 1917

Company G with 2nd Battalion 104th left Westfield Oct. 2 for Hoboken where the Aurania of the Cunard Line was boarded, leaving for Halifax, Oct. 3, where convoy was assembled Oct. 5, 1917. The 101st Ammunition train to which Lieut. Rogers was assigned was also on this boat so that Capt. Connelly and the lieutenant were together again and experienced the delightful sensation of "mal-de-mer". Company K, 104th was also on this boat.

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The Aurania, a British boat of good size and quite steady, left Halifax with the convoy of ten ships on Oct. 6, 1917, for Liverpool. The life and routine on this ship was similar to the others. Guard duty, calisthenics, manual of arms, schools and inspections, filling in the time with boat drills. Every day on given signals the men were required to don life belts, quickly assemble at the life boat stations to which they were assigned, and proceed to lower boats. In the assignment to these boats some curious things took place regarding the number of men for whom preparations were made by the ship's officers. Capt. Connelly being "from Missouri", as they say, at once checked up his list and found that the ship's officers had given him five life rafts, capacity 25 men each by clinging to the ropes, and one boat capacity of 60 men, a total of 185 for his company of 250, and no provision made for himself. In case the boat was torpedoed this didn't look good to the captain, who immediately took steps to vigorously protest with the result that a complete check-up and satisfactory adjustment was made for all the units.

At this time the German submarines were sinking ships quite successfully and the voyage caused considerable anxiety to all. The boys will recall the strict orders regarding lights at night, no cigarettes, no matches, not even illuminated wrist watches allowed worn on deck, port holes closed, lest a submarine spot a light and attack. A zigzag course by the convoy used up considerable time, but was deemed much safer. The officers and certain "non-coms" dined first class. The other men were fed in relays in large mess rooms, several companies at a time. For transportation in these British boats our government paid England over \$50,000,000 during the war, although many people believed it wasn't costing much.

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A very welcome sight occurred about two days sail from Liverpool when seven British torpedo boat destroyers met the convoy and escorted it through the danger zone. The lighthouses on the coast of Ireland brought a feeling of security also, indicating the journey's end on water for a while. At 7 p. m., Wednesday, October 17, the Aurania docked at Liverpool. Landing at 1.30 a. m. the following morning in a very heavy rainstorm, the men entrained at the docks for the second stage of their journey. The small English coaches, with their side-door compartments, created at first some little amusement, but the change from the boat afforded relief. Baggage was not allowed to be unloaded

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by the British officers, which decision did not appeal to American troops who had always been schooled to travel with that necessary part of any army's equipment. A large unloading detail was left behind which did not reach France with the baggage until three weeks had elapsed. Had not our Quartermaster Department of the Army foreseen the foolishness of such delay and provided ahead rations and cooking facilities, the regiments would have been put to much discomfort.

Southampton was reached at 10 a. m. and the Second Bn. of the 104th, under command of Captain Connelly, marched to the Common in the city where the so-called "Rest Camp" was situated. As the column was proceeding, the Richardson Light Guard boys of Co. G saw and spoke to Williams and Beebe who, with the engineers were marching in an opposite direction to the boat on which they were going to leave for France. At the "rest camp" difficulties were encountered; no one in authority seemed to be able to indicate a place and no one at the camp knew about rationing the men. Without waiting further, Capt. Connelly assigned tents to the various companies and started a search for rations and a place to cook. Here again difficulties arose. The English were using clay ovens, while the Americans were used to field ranges—another good reason why camp equipment should travel with troops.

No utensils were found so a detail was rushed to the city to buy what necessary articles could be procured. In the meantime, an English non-com, in charge of the camp, ordered a change of location, but Capt. Connelly, who was in command, refused as the companies were all settled. In this he was backed up by the Major, who had rejoined the Battalion after the work had been done. Two meals a day were finally arranged on British rations while at Southampton, which was not to the liking of the American soldiers accustomed to three meals. Bacon, bread, tea, jam, stew, and some cheese constituted the meals; bacon in the morning at 9 and beef stew in the afternoon at 4 o'clock. As the 1000 men of the battalion were fed at one place, it required some patience and ingenuity to accomplish the job.

Owing to air raids no lights were allowed to be seen outside, so that at night the city presented a very uninviting appearance. At the camp the Americans fraternized with soldiers from Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and found them good fellows. After a few days the Channel boats were made ready and the troops embarked for Le Havre, France, arriving without having met any submarines. From the pier the troops marched to another rest camp, several miles away and on top of a high hill.

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Here a cold, uncomfortable night was spent. The following day the troops entrained at LeHavre on the famous "40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux" side-door "Pullmans", small freight cars into each of which 35 men with full equipment were packed for a most disagreeable trip across France.

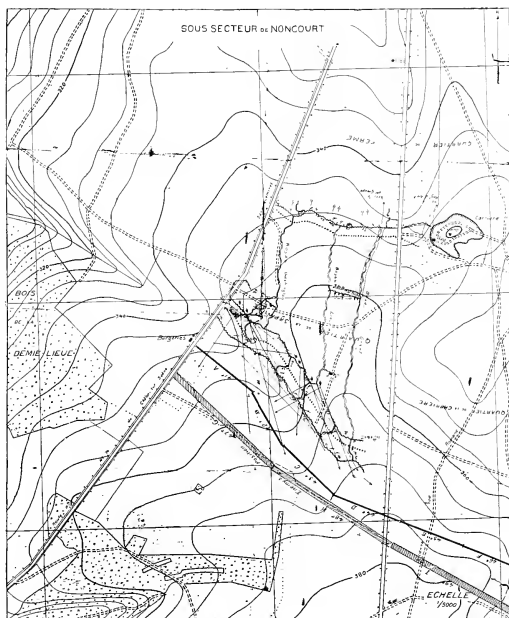


Neufchateau, Division Hdqtrs. during training

AT THE TRAINING AREA IN FRANCE

The weather at this time was cold and rainy, giving the soldiers a much different impression of Sunny France than they had pictured. Viewed from the narrow doors of freight cars, the country did not appeal very strongly to the "Dough Boys". However, this condition was accepted in the philosophical manner of the American soldier—he was in France and was going to take it as it came. Neufchateau in the Vosges, which was to be the Division's headquarters, was reached the second day and villages assigned for billeting. Troop trains were shunted to nearest centers, troops detrained and marched to their new homes over muddy roads.

For the 101st Infantry the villages of Rouceux, Circourt, Villers, Brechamcourt, Rebeuville, and part of Neufchateau were designated. Landreville, Certilleux, Rouvres and LaChetine were occupied by the 102nd Infantry.



Noncourt Trenches
Training Area Near Neufchateau
Explanation of NonCourt Trench System
Use Reading Glass

The words "Sous Secteur de Noncourt" are at top of map (North) arrow in upper right-hand corner. Map scale 1:5000 photographed to size of cut.

Trenches are located between the two roads which converge toward top of map in direction of Neufchateau. The road on left is a National highway—dots along sides indicate trees which are planted at regular intervals along all highways. The double dotted lines are unimproved roads. The thin lines running across the map are contour lines five meters apart showing height of ground.

The first black wavy line running between the two roads is the Support Trench, New Haven. Guides conduct the columns from the rear to this trench, then forward (toward bottom of map) through three Boyaus (Communicating Trenches, Washington, Lincoln, Grant), to the next cross trenches, Newport and Boston, which are the "Cover" and "Fire" trenches respectively. In the Cover trenches are some dugouts for shelter.

Joining these two trenches are several shorter Boyaus named Lee, Sheridan, Sherman and McClellan.

The Regt. P. C. or Command Post and Observation Post are to the left of New Haven Trench at The Quarry. The Battalion P. C. is located in Providence Trench between Boyaus Grant and Lincoln. The forward Company Command Posts are located in Boyau Lincoln near Sheridan and in Boyau Washington near Newport Trench. The Artillery Observation Post is to left of Newport Trench. Each trench is defended by Riflemen, Auto Rifle, Bombers and Rifle Grenades. In rear of Support Trench are placed the Barrage Machine Guns which fire over the trenches to lines indicated by black line numbered 41A-42B-43C-44D, etc., in front of Boston Trench. In front of this line appears a broad black and white line numbered 47G-48H-49I, etc., representing the enemy's position.

Directly in rear of Newport Trench are Machine Guns which fire across the front trench to the ground in front—these are shown by signs and arrow lines. It will be noticed that these lines cross giving a fire known as Inter-locking Bands of Fire.

In case of attack a signal caused the Barrage Guns, which were sighted at all times, to fire immediately on the numbered lines described.

Raids from the enemy's position were practised on the Trenches, battalions alternating in Attack and Defense.

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The 104th Infantry was located in Harreville-Les-Chanteurs, Sartes, Pompiere, Chartenois, and Giroucourt, most of the Richardson Light Guard boys in Harreville and Sartes.

To Americans used to every convenience, the French billet had little to offer as regards comfort. In these little villages the houses were of stone, cement and mud, generally built in blocks along the main highway with a few very short side streets. Separated from the house by only the wall was the barn with one or two doors leading into the living rooms. In most cases the room used as the kitchen occupied most of the lower part of the house. In the lofts of the barns were quartered the soldiers. Floors in most cases were of rough boards, many of them loose, and the



A Street in the French Village of Harreville les Chanteurs
Occupied by 2nd Bn., 104th Inf., during training period

roofs were leaky. Access to the loft was by ladder. Owing to the danger of fire, lights were strictly prohibited so that at night the soldiers' billet was a gloomy place. Below the soldiers' sleeping quarters were the owners' cattle, horses, hens, pigs, and rabbits—all of which did not add to the purity of the air. Then there were rats which scampered around. After some time tiny barrack wood stoves were procured which were not of much value except for drying wet clothes. With green wood, these stoves produced a great deal of smoke, which added to the discomfort of the soldiers.

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During this period there was a great deal of rain, drill fields and roads were very muddy, the weather cold. Coming back from drill with wet shoes and clothing to a cold billet was a cheerless prospect and many a young man experienced that dreadful feeling called homesickness.

A progressive, thorough course of training was put in force by General Headquarters, A. E. F., which included thirty-six hours, actual time, each week in close order drill, grenade throwing, rifle grenade practise, target practise with rifle, auto-rifle instruction, Stokes mortar and 37 m. m. guns, formations for approach and attack, and a lot of bayonet fighting. Special men were also instructed in signal work, sniping, scouting and patrolling. Runners were also trained for their duties. A great deal of time was spent in training for defense against gas.

Every man not on special duty or sick was required to drill, the program being carried out regardless of the weather conditions. The training grounds were generally located on a hill at a sufficient distance to cause some little marching. In these daily marches the men were trained to carry the packs to strengthen the muscles and prepare them for the work to follow. First, light packs were used; then, later on, full equipment on all marches. In addition to training duties, the men were used in cleaning up the village streets and areas to make conditions as sanitary as possible. This was a big job as most of the French inhabitants were farmers and kept cattle and horses. The manure so necessary for their land was generally kept in large square piles in front of the houses, near the street. This had to be removed despite the violent protestations of the people. All in all, the soldier's life was not a happy one.

The Y. M. C. A. commenced to come into the different villages and located in portable huts or some house. Although some criticism was made by the soldiers of its business methods, this organization did a great deal of good, in providing comforts and entertainment before the other welfare organizations had the opportunity to get started. Later the Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare, and Red Cross did wonderfully well considering the limited means at their disposal.

To prepare for trench warfare a model system of fire, cover, and support trenches suitable for a battalion front was constructed near Neufchateau. During December and January problems in attack and defense were worked out by the battalions in this so-called "Noncourt Sector". French officers as instructors imparted much valuable information during this work. Here the approved method of conducting a raid was learned.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

THE 26th DIVISION MILITARY POLICE

The Military Police of the Division were selected from the companies of the Sixth Massachusetts Infantry at Camp Devens, Aug. 21, 1917, and were organized into two companies, A and B, of 150 men each, forming a battalion under command of Major W. H. Dolan of the Old Sixth. These men were selected from the tallest in the companies and from those possessing qualities fitting them for this new branch of the service.

This battalion combined with the Division trains was under the command of Col. Warren E. Sweetser, the whole being designated as the 101st Train Headquarters and Military Police. Twenty-nine men from Company A, 6th, were transferred to Company A of this new unit which later served with great credit during the service of the division. Company A was commanded by Capt. Arthur N. Payne, the former commander of Company F, 6th Massachusetts Infantry of Marlboro. Lieut. Edgar B. Hawkes was assigned to Company B which was commanded by Capt. Michael J. Dee who had commanded Company I of Concord of the 6th Massachusetts Infantry. Special training of a strenuous nature was at once commenced which showed wonderful results and produced a body of men not equalled by any division in the A. E. F. When they embarked for France these men were the best equipped of any in the division.

On Aug. 23, 1917, Lieut. Hawkes was detached and sent as one of the advance party of the division to France to make arrangements for billeting, etc., necessary for the division soon to cross. The Military Police left Camp Devens September 4, 1917 for Camp Bartlett, Westfield, where their training was completed. On October 8 they entrained for Hoboken, N. J., where they embarked on Oct. 9, 1917, for Halifax, arriving Oct. 11 to join convoy of ships for across, leaving on the Baltic Oct. 13 and arriving at Liverpool, Oct. 24, 1917, where they entrained at once for Southampton. Several days were spent in the rest camp on the Common and on Oct. 29 the organization sailed for Le Havre, France, arriving Oct. 30. After a stay of one night at a rest camp, they proceeded by train to Rouceaux and Neufchateau, the headquar-

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ters of the 26th Division, arriving Nov. 2, and took up the duties for which they were organized. Here they gained their first practical experience in handling traffic and some training in horsemanship, in addition to attending drills and lectures.

Lt. Hawkes was relieved from detached service and rejoined his company Dec. 28, 1917.



1st Lt. Edgar B. Hawkes

2nd Lt. Co. A, 6th Mass. Inf., N. G.

1st Lt., 103rd M. G. Co.

(World War)

On Feb. 6 the Military Police made ready to move to the Soissons sector where the division was to go in the front lines for the first time.

On Feb. 8, 1918, Lt. Hawkes, in charge of 30 men of his company, left Neufchateau with Co. A, 101st Military Police for duty on the Soissons front, rejoining their company on Mar. 27, 1918.

Detraining at Braisne they immediately took up their police duties, stationing men in every town where American troops were billeted. Train headquarters were established in Soissons until the division was relieved March 18, 1918, when the train moved in convoy to the Bar-Sur-Aube area. A detachment left at the

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railhead in Soissons received a heavy bombardment for several days, but completed their duties and were commended for their fine work.

It was expected that the division would have a rest at the Rimacourt area, but after three days orders came to proceed at once to the vicinity of Toul. Trains proceeded over the road in convoy carrying as many troops as possible, other troops being transported in Camions furnished by the French. Train headquarters established at Menil-la-Tour, Company A at Sansey and Company B at Boucq. Here the military police functioned entirely separate from the French. Lt. Hawkes was detached from his company and went to train headquarters where he was acting adjutant.

In addition to the regular duties of general police work, regulating traffic, and preventing unauthorized persons approaching from the rear, the M. P.'s about this time took over the handling of casualties and replacements and also formed a Divisional Disciplinary Detachment to handle men serving sentences for minor offences.

On June 28, 1918, the division was relieved from the Toul Sector, concentrated in and around Toul and at once ordered to the Chateau Thierry sector to participate in the Aisne-Marne offensive. The military police were stationed near Nanteuil-le-Meaux. About 46 towns were occupied by the division. After a few days the Division went into the front lines relieving the 2nd division, and until the division was relieved again the military police worked night and day, contributing in a large degree to the success of the division in the drive.

On Aug. 8, 1918, the division moved back to area near Le-Ferte and on Aug. 15 entrained for Chatillon-sur-Seine, the divisional trains moving over the road in convoys. The trains and military police were billeted in the town of St. Colomb. The rest period was again cut short and the Division moved up by rail to take part in the St. Mihiel offensive, the trains proceeding over the road. The train headquarters and military police made stops at Trouville, Longeville, Vivaucourt, Heippes, Les Montharion, Genicourt, finally arriving at Rupt-en-Woevre, Troyon Sector.

While at St. Colomb orders were received detaching one officer and forty-five men of the military police, Company A, for temporary duty with the 1st Army in the Toul Sector where they remained several weeks, returning later to Rupt-en-Woevre. During the St. Mihiel offensive, about 2400 prisoners were captured and turned over to the military police, conducted to headquarters.

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where they were examined, listed, questioned by intelligence officers, and finally turned over to the Fifth Corps Prisoner of War Enclosure at Souilly.

Company A at this time was stationed at St. Remy. During this drive the M. P.'s performed wonderful work in keeping roads open and preventing traffic jams, a seemingly impossible task owing to the great numbers of troops, heavy guns, ammunition trains and vehicles which covered all available space in this big movement. Lieut. Hawkes had been transferred to the 103rd Machine Gun Co. and took part in the infantry advance during the drive, serving with the combat troops throughout remainder of the war. Owing to Lieut. Hawkes' absence in Australia during last few years much valuable data regarding his service could not be secured in time to become part of this history.

During the time the division was stationed in the Troyon sector, 2 officers and 100 men were called for by the Fifth Corps: as all of the two military police companies were being used on military police work, details were made from Infantry and Artillery organizations, given police instructions regarding traffic work and sent to the Fifth Corps.

On Oct. 8, 1918, the Division was relieved from the Troyon Sector and moved to vicinity of Verdun. Company A was located in camp near Lempiere. While here orders were received changing the military police organization. The division was to have one company of 200 men instead of the present two companies of 150 each. The change did not prove satisfactory, but had to take place. One hundred men of Company A (including nearly all of our Richardson Light Guard boys) were detached from the Division and sent to the Fifth Corps, forming one half of the Fifth Corps Military Police Company, which relieved the men who had been sent there temporarily. Several of the R. L. G. boys of Company A were transferred at this time to Company B, which on the change became known as the 26th Company Military Police. This company was stationed at Bras, which was the division headquarters during the operations in the Verdun Sector.

After the Armistice was signed the division moved to the Montigny-Le-Roi area, the military police staging at Rignacourt, Pierrefitte, Willeroncourt, Refroy, Bonnet, Laurville and Clinchamp arriving at Montigny-Le-Roi. Military police were placed in every town occupied by the division. Jan. 28, 1919, the division moved to embarkation area in and around Ecommoy, where the military police were stationed. Here the company ceased to function, as area police were on duty shortly after arrival.

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of division. Soon after, the military police company was detached from train headquarters and attached to division headquarters. After the Armistice the military police of the 5th Corps were detached and sent to the city of Brussels in Belgium for duty in that city, remaining there until early in Summer of 1919 when it was returned to the United States and discharged at Camp Devens. The R. L. G. men of this company therefore had a varied service, having been with the 26th Division on five different fronts, with the 5th Corps in the final stages of the war, and in Belgium for a considerable period after the armistice.

While with the 5th Corps after the Armistice, the military police attended a special school for that branch of the service. Here again the R. L. G. boys won high honors far outclassing in their school work all other units and receiving great praise. This, of course, was to have been expected after their wonderful service, but nevertheless was pleasing to their friends and a credit to the old Richardson Light Guard.

When one considers the number of villages occupied by a division as billets at a time (from 44 to 68), one can realize the great amount of work and responsibility of individuals or small groups spread over such a large space. The police were always on the job even while other troops were resting. The highly efficient work at cross roads in the battle areas, nearly always under artillery fire, prevented many bad situations to troops and vehicles during active periods while in movement.

Owing to operation in small detachments, the military police did not have a chance to show any spectacular work like the infantry, and often did not get the attention their faithfulness, judgment, and bravery deserved, but their record remains a creditable one.

HEADQUARTERS 26th DIVISION AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

France, March 6, 1919.

General Orders No. 19

1. The Division Commander is pleased to call attention to the efficient, effective, and enthusiastic work of all officers and men connected with the 26th Military Police Company throughout their service in France, and to cite this organization in General Orders.

2. The Military Police of this division, by their intelligent control of traffic, especially on those roads in the forward areas of

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sectors on the Western Front occupied by this division during the past year, and along the routes of supply which were frequently under heavy shell fire, almost always congested by columns, horse-drawn and motor, bringing up supplies of food and munitions, and marching bodies of re-enforcements, have played a tremendous part in the magnificent successes of the Yankee Division's operations.

3. This organization, as well as many of the individuals comprising it, has repeatedly been the subject of favorable comment and report by officers of the American forces and those of our allies. By the efficient performance of their various duties and their courageous, courteous, and soldierly bearing, they have called attention to themselves as representing the finest type of the American fighting man, and have been a great credit to the 26th Division.

By Command of Major General Hale:
Duncan K. Major, Jr.,
Chief of Staff.

Official:
C. A. Stevens
Adjutant General
Adjutant.

Quadrillage kilométrique Système Lambert

GROUPE DES CANEVAS DE TIR



Vauxaillon—Moisy Ferme Sector

Chemin des Dames

Vauxaillon Sub-Sector Occupied by 104th Inf.

Chemin des Dames.

Use Reading Glass

Occupation—one Battalion in Front Lines, one in Support Trenches and one in Reserve. Map 1:10,000 reduced in photo

The broad black and white line near top represents the Oise Canal alongside Ailette River. This Canal was about fifty feet wide and at this part was built up from the low ground. The Germans held one side and the Americans the other, each sheltered by the banks into which both dug narrow holes for protection.

Just behind the Canal runs the built up railroad which crosses the Canal to the left. Dugouts were built in the railroad embankment. The white space behind is open ground to the black line representing the main road curving through the town Vauxaillon. Behind this are a number of contour lines showing steep slopes to the Plateau above represented by the white space. This was called Mont de Singes—the Battalion Command Post being at Moisy Ferme.

The Support Trenches were located on the Plateau and were defended by a number of strong Combat Groups with Machine Guns, Auto Rifles, Rifles, Bombs and Rifle Grenades. Similar groups at base of slopes covered the open ground to the railroad where smaller groups defended the ground to the Canal where outposts were placed. Each group was numbered and orders were to resist to death. It will be seen that in all the defense the lines of fire cross covering all the ground where troops might advance.

This territory was the scene of several terrible battles in which many lives were lost by both French and Germans and was given to the 26th Div. to occupy from the French as a Post of Honor. The day the 26th Div. was being relieved in this sector the Germans started a drive and after a severe battle defeated the French and took all the sector which had been occupied by the 26th Div. as a "Post of Honor".

CHAPTER TWELVE

OFF TO THE FRONT

In the first week of February, 1918, the preliminary training came to an end. The division was placed under the tactical direction of the commanding general, 11th Army Corps. A finishing course of instruction was to be given all the elements in occupying a sector on the Chemin-des-Darnes front between Pinon Forest and Bois-de-Quincy on the left.

The Division entered the lines, preceded several days by reconnoitering parties between February 5 and February 8. In each Company two platoons were placed in the line with two platoons in support, alternating along the front with French companies. The familiar names of Lifol-le-Grand, Soissons, Torny Sorny, Chavinguy, Juviguy, Leuilly, Vaupillion, Chavignon, Braine will be remembered. Each battalion occupied the front lines in turn until all had spent the required time. Then they moved back to support positions. The 104th marched to Vauxrezis, then to new position at Moisey Farm, March 1, 1918 in support, then to front line at Canal. The 102nd and 101st occupied position on the right. Large caves in the quarries were utilized for shelter to a great extent in this sector.

Much in practical trench warfare was learned here. Although this was supposed to be a quiet sector, much activity soon developed with considerable artillery fire. An expected attack on the position which had been held by Capt. Connelly's Company G, came the night after his company was relieved by Capt. Ireland of Stoneham with Company B. This company repulsed the attack with losses to the Germans—Capt. Connelly's company being held in readiness to counter attack if necessary. At this time the Germans thought the new arrivals were British soldiers owing to similarity of uniforms. Again on Feb. 28 the Germans attacked the Second Battalion, 102nd Infantry, near Chavignon, but were repulsed again. March 16 and 17 a heavy bombardment, mostly of gas, was directed against the 101st and 102nd Infantry between Posgny-Filain and Chavignon, causing some losses.

Raids against the Germans were undertaken for experience in conjunction with the French. On Feb. 23 a volunteer detach-

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ment of 101st Infantry raided at Grand Pont, bringing back prisoners. Similar raids were made by 102nd and 104th Infantry. The Division was relieved between March 18 and 21st, 1918, just



Stokes Mortar Section of 101st Headquarters Company

as the Germans started their big offensive taking all the ground later which had been occupied by the 26th Division. As the division was being relieved they were subjected to a terrific bombardment. Forty-three days had been spent in this sector under severe weather conditions of rain and snow, muddy trenches and difficulties of supply.

THE LA REINE BOUCO SECTOR

After being relieved the division entrained near Soissons for vicinity of Bar-Sur-Aube, detraining there and at Brienne Le Chateau where a five days' march was made to the Rimaucourt (Ninth) Training Area, west of Neufchateau. On the way maneuvers were worked out and practise given in march discipline, billeting and supply while in movement. Roovres, Pertz, Meures and Blancheville were used for billeting. Passing through Rimaucourt

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court the division reached the respective villages where it was expected a rest period would be given and needed shoes and clothing issued.

Before this program could be started a call was made for the division to the LaReine or Boucq Sector, northwest of Toul where the division relieved the 1st Division, March 28th. The village names of Gironville, Broussey, Giraville, Fremerville, Jouy, Ansaville, Cornieville, Vertuzey, Vignot, St. Julien, Apremont, St. Agnant, Marbotte, Bouconville, Ramboucourt, Beaumont, Xivray, Marvoism, Seicheprey, Berniecourt, Royamiex, Raulecourt and Gerard-Sas will recall familiar scenes in this sector. Division Headquarters were at Boucq.



A Hurry Call to the Front Trenches
104th Inf. being rushed to Apremont Sector, April, 1918

It was in this sector that the R. L. G. boys won distinction in the first big action in which Americans took part. Bois Brule (burned woods) in front of Apremont had been the scene of numerous successful raids on the French. Learning of the occupation by Americans, the Germans brought in some of their very best "storm troops" determined to teach the Americans a lesson and

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break up their morale. On April 10, after a bombardment they attacked the 3rd Battalion, 104th Infantry, but were repulsed. Corporals Edgar and Stone were in this battalion. On the night of April 10-11, the Second Battalion, 104th, relieved the Third Battalion, Capt. Connelly with Company G going into a support position. During the night of the 11th, the Germans put over a heavy gas bombardment. This presaged an attack which came early in the morning, directed through the trenches at Company E and Company F who were in front at the time. Company G had been "standing to" in the support trenches and were being relieved for breakfast when the attack came. Wounded men coming through to aid station told of the fierceness of the attack and hand-to-hand fighting in the trenches.

THE FIGHT AT APREMONT

The Germans with their storm troops had penetrated the trenches at the flanks where the American and French troops joined, had taken a section from the French and were rolling back the left of Company E when the report of this came to Capt. Connelly. Without waiting for orders from Battalion commander, the captain immediately dispatched a platoon to reinforce Company E. They at once got into the hand-to-hand fighting and lost one man killed and five wounded. Realizing the seriousness, Capt. Connelly reported to the battalion commander and taking two more platoons occupied the front trench reorganizing it. The Germans had had enough for the morning and were retiring to another trench, but keeping the section taken from the French. This meant they would attack again. For several hours they directed artillery and trench mortar fire on the trenches doing much damage, and causing a number of casualties. The gruesome details of the fight are purposely omitted.

Orders came to Capt. Connelly at 6 p. m. to counter attack at 7 o'clock (p. m.) and clear the Germans from the trenches. This was carried out. The Germans expecting an attack through the trenches were surprised to see two platoons of American soldiers coming at a rush over the top of their own trenches and across the open space. In this, their first attack, Capt. Connelly figured the strengthening of morale, in going over the top to accomplish their purpose, would be a help in the future. As an added stimulus the captain went over leading his men.

The surprise was so complete that only two men were wounded. Sweeping through the communicating trenches the men re-

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turned to their own trench just as the German barrage fell. This continued for an hour, causing casualties.

Here Corporal Nelson received a mortal shell wound while in charge of his squad and was removed to the hospital, but died the following day—the first Wakefield boy to be killed. The local Post of the American Legion was named for him.

Corp. Harry E. Nelson was a fine type of American soldier, quiet in manner, gentlemanly, but courageous. His death caused a sadness in the company by whom he was sincerely liked.

The shelling continued into the night causing much damage to the trenches which, in some places, were entirely shot away. Capt. Connelly was again ordered to attack on request from the French who had not succeeded in cleaning out the Germans from their end. At 2.05 a. m. on the 13th, Capt. Connelly with a platoon attacked along the top of the main trench in conjunction with the French. Before meeting the French, the platoon was obliged to take to the trench owing to the terrific barrage which wounded several of the party. The mission was accomplished, however, and the Germans retreated. The American and French patrols met and the line was re-established. A continuous bombardment continued throughout the day. The incessant shelling was a severe strain on everybody, which with the loss of rest for several days, showed strongly in the gaunt hollow-eyed faces of the men as they filed back through the trenches when their relief took place.

On April 14 the battalion was relieved and assembled at Vignot where it was held in reserve. For the great work accomplished in turning back some of the best German troops, the regiment was cited by the French 32nd Army Corps and the colors of the 104th decorated (by Gen. Passaga)—the first American Regiment to be decorated by a foreign power. This honor was brought about in a great measure by the splendid action of Co. G, led by Capt. Connelly who received the Croix-de-Guerre decoration. 116 men received a French citation and Croix-de-Guerre at an elaborate ceremony and review near Boucq on April 28, 1918. Seventeen of these men were of Capt. Connelly's company. Corp. Nelson was awarded posthumously the Croix-de-Guerre with citation for bravery. Corp. Nathan W. Eaton, Jr., was also awarded citation and Croix de Guerre for bravery in caring for wounded soldiers during this action. Corporals Heustis and Little were in the fight and did good work under fire in command of their squads.

To commemorate this achievement of Massachusetts National Guard troops, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has appropri-

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ated \$8,000 for a Mural painting to be placed on a wall in the State House. A committee, of which Major Connelly is a member, is in charge of the work which is to be completed in 1927.

Frank Sibley of the Boston Globe in his history of the 26th Division gives great credit to Capt. Connelly for his valor at Apremont and Mr. Ellis of the Saturday Evening Post wrote, at that time, an article of praise which attracted attention all over the United States.



**Decorating the Colors of 104th Inf. at Boucq, France, April 28,
1918, by Gen. Passaga, 32nd Army Corps, France**

A Japanese General in an article in one of the leading magazines counted this engagement as one of the most important of the war as showing the capabilities of the American soldier in defeating German shock troops and doing much to create confidence and establish a strong morale.

THE FIGHT AT SEICHEPREY

Later at Seicheprey and Remieras Woods, a continuation of the line from Apremont, on April 20, the Germans made another vicious attack with picked troops. The attack this time fell on the 1st Battalion, 102nd Infantry and Company E of the Second

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Battalion in which were included R. L. G. boys. A box barrage was put around the town preventing supports coming up and the attack swept along behind a rolling barrage until the line was reached when columns entered the flanks, went through the town, and returned taking prisoners, causing many casualties. The 102nd recovering from the surprise, counter attacked and drove the Germans back, inflicting losses which were augmented by the pursuing artillery and machine gun fire. In this engagement Private Fay was wounded.



Ruins of Catholic Church in Seicheprey, France

Again the Boche attacked the 101st on May 27 at Humbert-Plantation near Flirey, but was repulsed with losses. Later the 101st Infantry made a raid in force against the Germans near Richécourt, supported by strong artillery preparation.

During the month of May the battalions alternated in occupying the Bouconville and Xivray sections of the line. The defense of Bouconville consisted of one company in support in the ruined village where cellars were utilized for shelter, and one company which occupied two strong points in front of the village Hill

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242 and Hill 246, the road to Xivray running between. Part of this company also were quartered in the village. It will be remembered that the ground in front was swampy. Mont Sec loomed a short distance away, a stronghold of the Germans. No Man's Land in front was constantly covered by large combat patrols of our troops which were anxious to run into German patrols. Ambush parties of sixty men were also sent out in front of Xivray with the hope of capturing German patrols. The trenches here were in wretched condition owing to the low land, half filled with soft mud and water, necessitating wearing of rubber boots. Large filthy trench rats were common. Bouconville was within good artillery range and the Germans shelled it constantly.

Later in the month and early June the troops occupied the section of the line in front of Rambucourt beyond Xivray which was also ruined. A peculiar condition here was met with. In front of the H 1 and H 2 positions was the small village of Marvoisin where the kitchens were located. In the daytime part of the troops used the cellars here for rest, but at night drew back to the trench behind the village to avoid the danger of a raid so that the village became part of No Man's Land and had to be constantly patrolled. The small stream called Rupt-de-Mad flowed between this village and the trenches toward Richécourt. It was just a few hundred yards to the left of this position where the Germans put over their raid on the 103rd Infantry in June near Xivray and met a severe set-back.

During the stay in this so-called quiet sector, opposite Mont Sec, the Richardson Light Guard had seen real action. At one time while in a support position, the First Battalion, 104th, in which were R. L. G. boys, received a terrific bombardment, so that most of the old company from Wakefield at one time or another got a real taste of warfare.

At Royamiex, Sergt. Better was wounded, and at Bouconville Private Blanchard, who had been transferred to Company E, 104th, from the Military Police, received a severe shell wound.

From June 24 to 28 the division was relieved by the 82nd Division after having been engaged in the occupation of the sector for about three months. The division was then concentrated near Toul and several days later proceeded to what was supposed to be a rest area, but which proved to be another movement into active battle work. The division was brought by rail to vicinity of Meaux in the Chateau Thierry Sector.

In the Toul Sector the following men were wounded: Blanchard, Better, Crowley and Fay.

THE AISNE-MARNE (Chateau Thierry) Offensive

On July 5 the Division moved to support position near Montrevil-Aux-Lions. It relieved the Second Division (Marines) between July 5 and 8 northwest of Chateau Thierry in the Sector "Pas Fini". The line ran from Vaux-Bouresches-Bois de Belleau to Bussiares. At this time the division was part of the First Corps under Major General Liggett and this was the first time an American Corps had entered the line to attack. Here the Division suffered as there were no organized system of trenches or shelters and it was exposed to constant artillery and machine gun fire and the area drenched with gas. Men protected themselves by digging "fox holes".

Having been sent to officers' school at Gondrecourt (First Corps), Capt. Connelly on completion of the course, (in which he graduated among the three highest) was ordered to the 92nd Division as instructor and was not allowed to rejoin his regiment in time for the great offensive of General Foch about to take place.

July 18 the division took part in the main attack, the 103rd and 104th on the left making a difficult turning movement with the 101st as pivot near Vaux. Until this was completed the general line could not be advanced. The 52nd brigade (103 and 104 Infantry) attacked and took the villages of Belleu, Torcy, Givry and Hill 193, but met with stubborn resistance in Bouresches Wood from artillery and machine gun fire. The 51st brigade (101 and 102 Infantry) on July 20 cleared the eastern part of these woods and moved forward. The Division reached the Chateau Thierry-Soissons road on July 21 and late in the day advanced on Trugny and Epieds which was not carried until July 23, when with artillery support the 52nd brigade took Epieds and woods beyond, while the 51st brigade took the Trugny Wood. Although meeting with heavy losses the troops went forward steadily, the enemy retiring. On July 24 the line ran through Bois LaFere-Breuvardes and Le Charmel. On July 25 the Division was relieved by the 29th Division. The division won high praise from the French Army Commander, Gen. DeGouttes. The division had advanced from position taken over from Second Marines, a distance of 17.5 kilometers, taking many prisoners and material.

In the Pas Fini (Chateau Thierry) sector the R. L. G. paid

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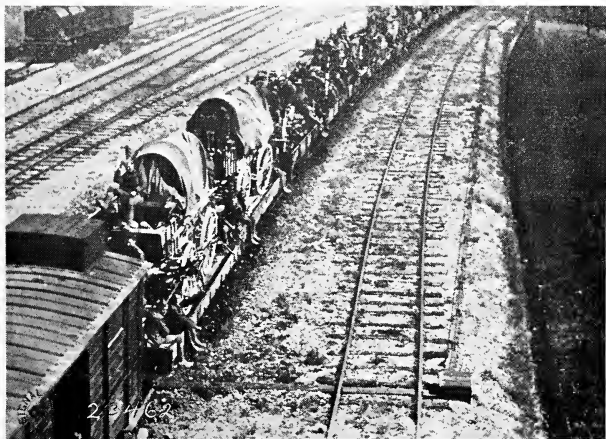
a heavy toll. Fay, Fish, Meuse and Stone were killed or died from wounds and the following wounded or gassed:

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Brockbank, John C.
Brockbank, Gray B.
Butler
Cayting
Collins
Duggan
Fraughton
Gammons
Eastman
Hanright
Hatfield
Heustis

Harlow
Malonson, Frank
Melonson, Fred P.
Neiss
Reebenacker
Reissle
Rhodes
Seabury, James
Seabury, William
Singer
Stanley
Wenzel

AT REST AREA

After being relieved July 25-26, the division was placed in reserve near Mery-Sur-Marne where training was resumed. Aug. 13 to 18 the division moved by rail to the Chatillon training area headquarters at Mussy-Sur-Seine. Here the men received new clothing and equipment and many replacements.



A Troop Train of 26th Division, Moving up to St. Mihiel Sector,
Aug. 26, 1918

Active training took place every day for open warfare as General Pershing and staff decided the time had come to take the Saint Mihiel Salient by American methods. This had been attempted by the French who had met with severe losses. It had been held for nearly four years by the Germans.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

THE ST. MIHIEL OFFENSIVE

August 25, 1918, the division began to move by rail to area near Bar-le-Duc as part of the Fifth Army Corps. Detraining at Nancois-Tronville, August 29, the troops marched north. This movement was to be as secret as possible and every effort was made to keep troops under cover by day. Marches were made at night, generally to a wood or forest and circulation by day prohibited. No attempt could be made to drill. March was along the route Bois-de-Eriza, Eriza St. Dizier-Seraucourt (Bois Blandin), where camp was made in woods on top of a high hill. The march was made to Regnacourt, Mandrecourt, Heippes, Souilly, where troops were concealed in Bois le Pretre until next night when march was taken up through Souilly, Sennoncourt, Ancemont, Dieue, Sommedieu to Camp Logette. From here the columns marched to Foret d'Amblonville, Sept. 6, remaining concealed there until night, Sept. 11, 1918.

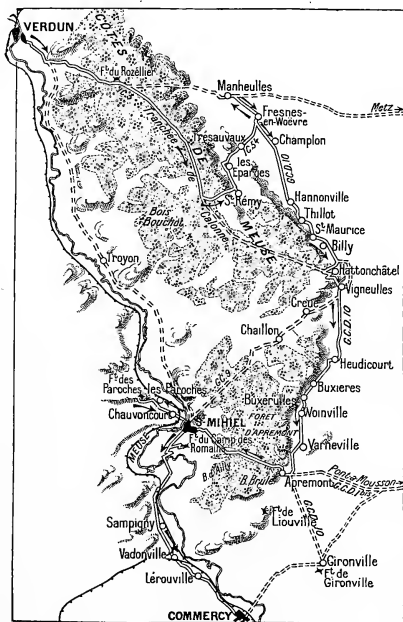
Capt. Connelly returned from duty with the 92nd Division and was made adjutant of 104th Infantry, remaining as such until commissioned Major. A number of men who were wounded at Chateau Thierry also returned.

In this so-called Rupt Sector, the division relieved the Second Dismounted French Cavalry, Sept. 8. The line extended from Les Eparges on the left—Bois des Eparges, Mouilly, Ravin de France southwest to Vaux-les-Palameix. The sector remained quiet, although the Germans had learned of the coming attack and were moving their heavy guns from the salient preparatory for a retreat if necessary. On the night of Sept. 11-12 the troops marched to their position in Bois Combres for attack. For days hundreds of guns, both French and American, had taken position. Ammunition trains worked feverishly bringing up thousands of shells. Roads leading to the front were almost jammed with troops, guns, and vehicles, giving the military police plenty of work to keep traffic moving.

At 1 o'clock on morning of the 12th of September the great attack of the American First Army was started with a bombard-

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ment of seven hours by heavier guns. The horizon for miles was lighted by the flashes of the guns which fired fast and continuously.



St. Mihiel Area
(Rupt and New England Sectors)

The infantry following a rolling barrage of the French 75's attacked at 8 a. m., Sept. 12, in the following order from right to left, 101st, 103rd, 104th, in each regiment one battalion in line, one in support, one in reserve. For a divisional reserve the 102nd Infantry and 101st Machine Gun Battalion were held out. The mission was to drive the Germans from the high ground of the Cotes de Woevre. The Germans relied to a great extent on their

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machine guns well placed in concrete "pill boxes". The 104th Infantry and the French on the left encountered strong resistance at first, but this was overcome and rapid advance made, the 101st Infantry through the thick woods of the Bois de St. Remy and the 103rd and 104th over open spaces to Le Chanot Bois where they remained that night owing to darkness.



Trenches on Les Eparges Crest taken by 104th Inf., Sept. 12, 1918, during St. Mihiel Battle

During the night information came that the Germans were drawing back and the 102nd which had been held in reserve with the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion was ordered to make a rapid march down the Grand Tranchee de Calonne and effect a junction with the First Division advancing from the south. Without waiting for the woods, which lined the road, to be thoroughly cleared, the column with advance guard Company E and F, 102nd, moved down Calonne (the main road) about 9 p. m., followed by the 101st Infantry.

The column passed through Hattonchatet and reached Vigneulles about 2.15 a. m. on Sept. 13. Outposts were sent to cover all the roads and along the railroad tracks beyond the village.

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Troops thus controlled the exits of the Salient. Contact was made with advanced elements of the First Division by the meeting of patrols about 6 a. m., near Hattonville.

At noon on Sept. 13 the 104th Infantry on the left of the 103rd reached the heights west of St. Maurice and Billy, occupied those villages and the village of Thillot in liason with the 15th D. I. C. (French). The villages far out on the plains were outposted by the units in the rear.

On Sept. 14 the Division moved to the left and took over and organized a new sector called New England. The 51st Brigade on the right occupied the subsector Massachusetts with two battalions 102nd in the line, and the 52nd Brigade occupied subsector Connecticut similarly with 104th Infantry. Both regiments had outposts at Saulx. The enemy attacked Company G, 104th Infantry, at St. Hilaire on Sept. 15, but were repulsed losing seven prisoners and a machine gun.

During the advance on Sept. 13 the 104th Infantry pursued the enemy so closely that they were unable to remove large stores of supplies near Longue Farm and tried to destroy them by burning. Fires were burning briskly as the troops passed through. At command posts of German officers were found barrels of German beer and tables on which were mugs of beer partly consumed, giving evidence of a hasty leave taking. Much material and 2400 prisoners were taken by the 26th Division.

The St. Mihiel Salient was taken from the French in the big offensive of 1914, and though strong and bloody attacks had been made at great sacrifice, it remained in German hands until captured by the American First Army. This Salient was termed "a dagger aimed at the heart of France" and was a menace to the safety of Verdun, cutting the main railway from Paris to Verdun. In this last operation it is estimated that General Pershing had under his command over 200,000 men, although all were not actively engaged in the actual attack. The salient was 35 kilometers across, 22 kilometers deep, a frontage of about 65 kilometers and in area was about 150 square miles, containing a number of towns and villages. In this sector Cummings was killed and Singer, John Brockbank and Goodridge wounded. Pvt. John T. Burns died of pneumonia in a hospital in September, and later Pvt. Vallard.

Remaining on the line won, the division prepared to resist a counter attack and started active raiding operations for prisoners in which it was very successful. The enemy artillery fire, both gas and explosives, caused a number of losses in the far out vil-

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lages of Hannonville, Saulx, Wadonville, and Herberville occupied by large outposts. Weather conditions and lack of shelter made occupation very trying and later when conditions warranted, such troops as could be spared were moved back where better living conditions were possible. About this time the division adopted the official insignia—a blue YD monogram on a diamond piece of khaki cloth.



Tresauvaux near Fresne-en-Woevre, France

THE MEUSE ARGONNE OFFENSIVE

On September 26 the American First Army started a general attack along the whole Meuse Argonne front with the object of driving back the enemy and cutting the railroad near Sedan, the main line of communication of the German troops from Metz to Belgium.

As a diversion in the general attack the division was ordered to make a strong raid on enemy at Marcheville and Riaville. The object was to penetrate the enemy's line, take prisoners, occupy the position through the day and withdraw under cover of darkness. During a dense fog the operation was carried out with machine gun support and artillery fire. The 102nd Infantry met

with stubborn resistance in front of Marcheville, the Germans counter-attacking several times. Success crowned the effort of the 102nd who gained the village and later in accordance with the plan withdrew at night. For the meritorious conduct of the raid, the 102nd Regimental colors were decorated with the Croix-de-Guerre and the First Battalion, 102nd, decorated. For gallantry in this action Sgt. Lee was cited and decorated with the Croix-de-Guerre.

While in this sector (Troyon) the 104th Infantry held the line from Tresauvaux to Fresnes-in-Woevre, including the high hill 372 (Cote de Hures) where the observation post was located. The supports remained in the woods in rear (Bois Combres).

On September 30, Capt. Connelly received the order, dated Sept. 13, commissioning him Major and was relieved of his duties as adjutant, being assigned to command the first battalion 104th Infantry. During the night Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Major Connelly marched the battalion to Recourt, passing through Rupt, Genicourt, and Villers, across the Meuse River. Again the Richardson Light Guard boys were under their former commander as quite a number of those sent to Company A, 104th, were still with this company. During the march to Recourt they were drenched with a heavy downpour of rain which seemed to occur on nearly every movement. At Recourt, Company A occupied abandoned houses, some of which were in fair condition so that it was a welcome change from living in the open without shelter.

A week was spent here in getting cleaned up—baths and delousing clothes with portable road machines. Some needed clothing and equipment were obtained. Here the battalion was put through a course of training for a week in attack work, much attention being directed against imaginary machine gun nests. This meant that the battalion would be used later in real attack; which surmise came true. At Recourt the battalion was selected for a division ceremony of decorating certain men. The battalion was reviewed by several generals and visiting officers. While at Recourt, Major Connelly received a visit from Capt. Rogers (promoted from lieutenant) whom he had not seen since October of the preceding year at Le Havre. This illustrates the fact that although in the same division, men of different units met their friends seldom owing to the activity and distance separating them. Cases occurred where Richardson Light Guard boys passed each other on the road, without knowing it, marching at night in opposite directions.

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The division relieved from the Troyon Sector, Oct. 8, became the army reserve and concentrated in and around Verdun where again they were destined to experience more hard and severe conditions.



**101st Inf. Kitchen behind the lines near Samogneux,
Verdun Sector, France**

On the night of Oct. 8-9 the First Battalion, 104th, began its march along the Meuse, passing through Drugny and Landrecourt. The advance party of guides through a misunderstanding directed the columns up a hill to Fort Landrecourt, one of the outer forts of Verdun. This was a massive work of stone and cement built in the hill and looked like a fine resting place for the battalion. No such luck. Major Connelly found the billeting party comfortably situated in the fort, but knowing they had made a mistake secured a French non-com who guided the Battalion (and the billeting party) to portable wooden barracks nearly a mile away in thick woods. Here the men rested a day when the march was resumed at night through Fromerville and Gernonville to a high hill in Bois Bourrus near Fort Bourrus, Oct. 10. The next night march was resumed through Chattancourt

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and Cummieres where the battalion was told shelters could be found. Again they were out of luck as what few shelters there were had become occupied, so the battalion camped on side of hill (Cote de Oise). Here a long tunnel led under the hill which was used as a shelter by some of the troops, but the ventilation was bad. The nights had become frosty, making life in the open very uncomfortable.

After reconnoitering the river for crossing place, the battalion on the night of Oct. 12-13 marched through Regneville passing over the Canal de L'Est and Meuse River on the temporary wooden bridge to the ruined village of Samogneux which was under constant artillery fire.



A Communicating Trench in good order on side of hill,
Verdun Sector

THE FIGHT IN BOIS HAUMONT (HAUMONT WOOD)

Oct. 14 the division became part of the 17th French Corps. An attack had been planned by the French. On the night of Oct. 14, 15 the First and Second Battalions of the 104th were hurried to Bois Haumont beyond the ruins of Haumont and relieved elements of the 18th French Division. The ground here had been fiercely fought for, having been won by the Germans some time

before. The French had partly driven them from the woods. A French general in charge of the coming attack gave his orders in person direct to the captains and platoon leaders, something which had never been done before as orders were always issued to commanding officers who, in turn, gave orders to the majors. The attack was to be made by the infantry following sixteen small French Tanks which were supposed to clean up machine gun nests. Not liking the details of the plan of action, Major Connelly protested to his colonel who concurred with him in his reasons, one being that the French Tank Commander had not reconnoitered the



Dugouts in side of hill at Haumont, near Samogneau, Verdun Sector

ground and intended to go simply by map. The major had placed his men—two companies in line and two in support—one of which was Company A) as he reasoned the forward companies would move straight to the front and Company A would be saved. His consternation can be realized when the French general ordered the two support companies to go around the flanks of the companies in the line for the attack. The protests were of no avail as the general was firm.

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The attack was made by daybreak, Oct. 16, by Companys A and D, First Battalion, and Company E and G, Second Battalion. A heavy rain followed by a fog caused bad conditions. The tanks got stalled or toppled over in shell holes and were abandoned by the French, and only one of the sixteen returned. Heavy artillery and machine gun fire did not stop the Infantry who gained the objective set for them. Owing to losses and impossibility of liason in the fog, the platoon commanders withdrew the men when the Germans counter attacked. Here the so-called "Death Platoon" had made their sacrifice.



Road entering Death Valley near Haumont, Samogneux,
Verdun Sector

The brave commander of Company A (Lieutenant Howard) was killed as were Corporal Brockbank, Private Duggan, Private Donegan and Private Coombs of the Richardson Light Guard and Corporal Arthur Walsh, Private McGrath, Private Collins and Private Palumbo were wounded. Later that day Major Connelly using straight tactics made a second attack and cleared the woods of the Germans. Several nights later, the enemy made a raid on Company A but were repulsed losing a number of men including a German lieutenant, whose body was sent to Regimental P. C. for identification by intelligence officers.

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THE MEUSE-ARGONNE OFFENSIVE CONTINUED

This sector continued to be a terrible one. The enemy infuriated by their failures shelled the woods continually, throwing in considerable gas mixed with the high explosive shells, and kept up day and night an harassing machine gun fire which caused a severe strain. Conditions were getting bad for the men. Lack of



A Section of Battlefield, Verdun Sector, After the Meuse-Argonne Fight, November, 1918

shelter, lying in the cold and rain, the ever-present mud, wet feet, made life most uncomfortable and the worst the men had experienced. After five days the battalion was relieved and marched back to Samogneux then later to Fort de Marre, passing through Vaucherville, Bras, and Charny. Resting one day, the battalion returned to Talou Hill marching that night back through Samogneux to Bois d'Ormont to relieve a battalion of the 102nd, who had that day made an attack. In for several days here, then out, and again sent in to Haumont Bois. A few days here, then to a hill in rear of Haumont. After a day in support, the battalion moved to a ravine beyond Samogneux. Several days' rest, then up

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through Death Valley to Bois de Chiene for a few days more in the line.

On October 28 Corporal Andrew McLaughlin was hit in the head by a fragment of shell and died in a hospital two days later. He is buried in a cemetery near Verdun.

The battalion moved back to the hill near Brabant, then to Samogneux. Considerable sickness, cold, and influenza developed depleting the battalion. Incessant hammering at the Germans caused the enemy at last to weaken and observation gave evidence of a withdrawal along the back areas. The American forces were now preparing to push their attack to a decision along open warfare methods.



A Ruined Town in Verdun Sector

On the evening of November 7, Major Connelly marched the 1st Battalion 104th Infantry, to the woods beyond Haumont and started the construction of 1000 yards of trench to be used later by troops for "jumping off" in the attack. The following night in a rain storm the battalion went in as support to the second Battalion, 104th Infantry, at Haumont. At about 2 a. m. a message in code was received over the wire making the first Battalion,

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104th, the attacking battalion and ordering the advance at day-break.

Re-inforced by two platoons of machine gun Company (6 guns) and two 37 MM guns from the Headquarters Company 104th, the 1st Battalion moved forward. The battalion was to have had a "travelling" 75 MM gun at its disposal in the attack, but the gun never reached the battalion, although Major Connelly after having been wounded and on his way to first aid station met the artillery officer asking for the battalion. He said the battalion moved ahead too fast. Owing to the difficulty of carrying the Stokes Mortar ammunition, Major Connelly was unable to



Ruins of Village of Neuville, near Samogneux, Verdun Sector

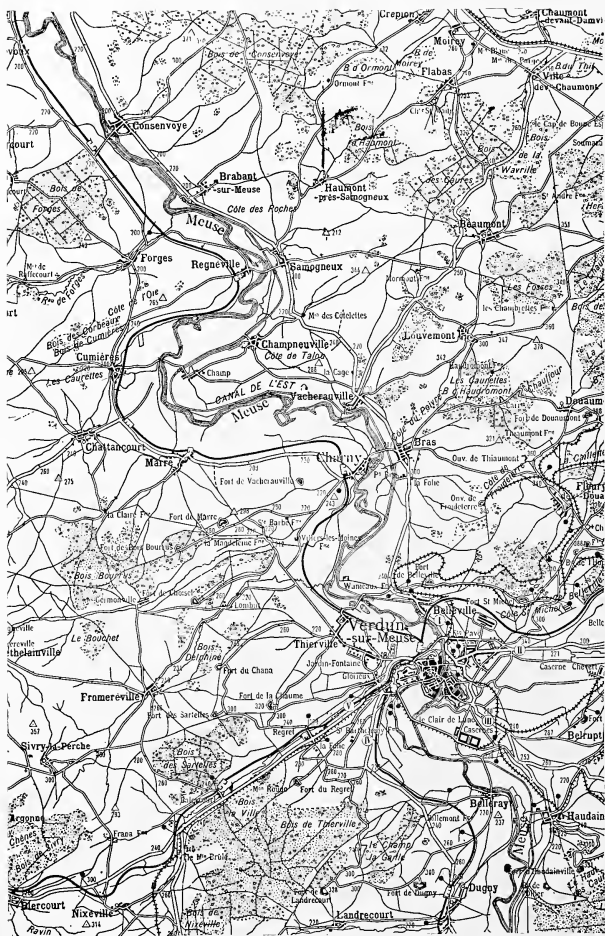
get the guns in time to be of service in the attack. Clearing the woods behind Flabas, the battalion established contact with the right element of the 79th Division and moved on through the village of Moirey causing the Germans to retreat. Making a change of direction there toward Ville Devant Chaumont and passing through part of the 2nd battalion of the 104th Infantry, the 1st Bn moved forward.

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As the battalion was charged with liason of left element of the 26th Division and right element of the 79th Division, besides protecting a flank of the division, it was necessary to move slowly as the battalion of the 79th for some reason had halted. Expecting the 79th Division to come along, Major Connelly continued moving, although under a brisk artillery fire, until suddenly the battalion was enfiladed with fire from machine guns on a high hill to the left (Hill 324) in the sector of the 79th Division. Halting the battalion, Major Connelly directed fire on the hill with three machine guns and one 37 MM gun, also rifle fire. This kept down the enemy's fire and helped the 79th which tried to advance up the slopes. A German aeroplane appeared as though by magic and drove straight at the battalion of the 79th with machine gun fire, sending them in confusion down the hill where they drew back and reformed. Bringing into play his other three machine guns from the flank, Major Connelly kept up a terrific fire on the German positions forcing them to cease their fire on his battalion.

During this time the Germans kept up a steady artillery bombardment to make the 1st Battalion retire but as the Battalion had suffered only a few casualties, the Major, instead of retiring, moved the line *forward* to a safer position in shell holes, and waited for the 79th Division to advance. Twice they tried to take the hill and each time went back leaving the 26th Division exposed on the flank. Darkness came on and to fool the Germans and keep them from counter-attacking, Major Connelly made two feints. About midnight the 79th Division took the hill after a bombardment by the American artillery.

Orders came during the night to advance in the morning of the 10th at all costs and keep driving forward. The Battalion advanced after daylight but immediately received a murderous fire from machine guns in front of Ville Devant Chaumont and from direction of Ville Chaumont. Advancing against this fire the Battalion set out to flank the village with two companies while the others moved forward. Suddenly Company C was stopped and took to shell holes under heavy machine gun fire of the enemy. Sending orders to advance, Major Connelly got no response so went in person to the company and found the commander shot through the thigh and unable to continue. Going in front of the company, Major Connelly got them on their feet and started to advance when he was shot through the right forearm by a machine gun bullet, putting him out of action. His adjutant, to whom he had given directions to take command until the Captain of Com-



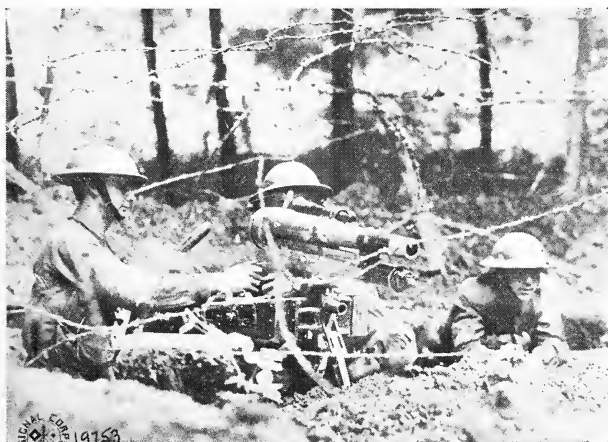
Verdun and Meuse-Argonne Sector

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pany A could be reached, was shot through the leg a few minutes later and both went to the same hospital. The two companies in the meantime had advanced opposite one side of the village and halted but were withdrawn by the officer in command. Later in the day the village was taken as Major Connelly had directed.

For gallantry in this action Major Connelly was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross and later received a Silver Star Citation from Washington.

In the Meuse Argonne (Neptune) Sector the following R. L. G. men were killed: John Brockbank, Coombs, Donegan, Duggan and McLaughlin (died of wounds).



37 M. M. Gun in Action, Verdun Sector, Hdqtrs. Co., 101st Inf.

These men were wounded or gassed in this sector—Eaton, Collins, McGrath, Palumbo, A. T. Walsh, McCarthy, J. McWhinnie, Lee, Beebe, Dubois, Stanley, Weaver and Maj. Connelly.

Lt. Brown was wounded Oct. 9 while with the 32nd Division in the Argonne.

Major Connelly was sent to the Field Hospital then to Evacu-

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ation Hospital No. 7 at Souilly and the next day on the hospital train to Base Hospital No. 114 at Bordeaux.

On the night of Nov. 10, the Battalion was moved to the right to Beaumont to help the 101st Infantry in the attack on the 11th, until operations were halted by the Armistice at 11 o'clock that day.

The work of the 101st and 102nd was similar to that of the 104th and the occupation of the positions and fighting was very much alike. In the Neptune Sector the Division experienced the worst conditions of warfare in all phases. Division Headquarters during this period were at Bras. To those who took part in the occupation, the names of the following strong points and centers of resistance will be remembered, Bois de Consenvoye, La Grande Montagne, Bois Belleu, Hill 360, Hill 324, Bois d'Ormont, Bois de Ville, La Warville, Bois de Chiene, Ville-devant-Chaumont, Bois de Caures.

A great deal of praise must be given to the engineers for keeping the roads passable and to the military police in the difficult handling of traffic. The ammunition trains performed wonderful service throughout the war keeping the artillery supplied under hard and trying conditions enabling them to assist the infantry in forward movements and protecting them in trench warfare. Major Rogers, promoted from Captain, had always an important work to perform with his ammunition train whenever the guns were used.

In every modern war however it was always the infantry, the "Dough Boys" who finally decided the issue. Working hard, marching hard, dirty, carrying heavy packs, exposed to gas, suffering from fatigue, cold or hunger, worrying for loved ones at home, facing death, but going forward, obeying orders, such was the "Dough Boy". Sometimes harassed by the mental strain of clacking rifle fire and the scream or burst of the shells always falling, he sometimes wished he might be hit and put out of misery. After it was over he sometimes wondered what it was all about anyway and why he was patriotic. Such was the "Dough Boy", who when the Armistice was announced did not cheer but calmly lay on the ground and tried to make up his lost sleep, after his twenty-five days' stay on the Verdun front.



Ruins of a Catholic Church in Verdun Sector

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

AFTER THE ARMISTICE

On November 14, the division was relieved in the Neptune Sector by the 6th Division and commenced a ten days' march to the Eighth Training Area around Montigny Le Roi, where division headquarters were established. Stops for billets were made at Fort Regret, Ippecourt, Seraucourt, St. Dizier, Loxeville, Trevers, Vaudeville, Circourt, Varacourt. From there the 1st Battalion, 104th, went to Damartin and 2nd Battalion, 104th, to Bonnecourt.

AFTER THE ARMISTICE THE EIGHTH TRAINING AREA—MONTIGNY LE ROI

Here in the Montigny le Roi area was commenced another extensive program of training—close order drills, wave formations, terrain exercises, maneuvers and a lot of attention to athletic work to build up the health for a showing when sent home. Clothing which was needed, but not obtained at the front was now secured easily, delousing and bathing made easier, and feeding better. With the strain of fighting over and once more clean and free from cooties, the "dough boy" regained a healthy condition. The second Winter proved much milder than the severe Winter of 1917 and while there still was the mud and rain, the soldiers did not suffer so much from the cold. The billets were better, too, so that life looked brighter. Men commenced to return from hospitals and joined their outfits. Replacements badly needed at the front now came to the division in large numbers. The "Yankee" Division at this time numbered men from every state in the Union.

Dec. 22, 1918 Major Connelly returned from hospital at Bordeaux to the regiment and was immediately assigned to the First Battalion, 104th, again, although the regiment had its full complement of majors and it meant displacing a major from the Regular Army.

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PRESIDENT WILSON VISITS DIVISION

An event of importance to the division took place on Christmas Day. The late President Wilson, who was in France at the time, selected the 26th Division as the one to which he would make an official visit and inspection. The original intention was to have had enlisted men at the dinner in his honor. Preparations were made under big difficulties as the number of dishes required could not be secured in the area. Final arrangements had apparently been completed when for some reason General Pershing and staff changed the program, so that officers instead of enlisted men would be present. In this the officers were much disappointed as they wished the enlisted men to have the honor, and they had selected the names. The Richardson Light Guard, however, was represented by its former commander, Major Connelly, who received a special invitation with other decorated officers. A number of generals and high dignitaries were present at the dinner, which was held in a French hospital near Montigny-le-Roi. It was expected that the President after the dinner would give a short speech, but none expected the surprise received, when at the conclusion of the dinner the President, rising, moved to the door and turning waved his hand saying, "Goodbye Boys". Then with his attendants he left the building.

Previous to the dinner a review was held in which battalions from each regiment took part. A battalion of the 102nd Infantry acted as guard of honor to the President.

THE FIRST MOVE TOWARD HOME

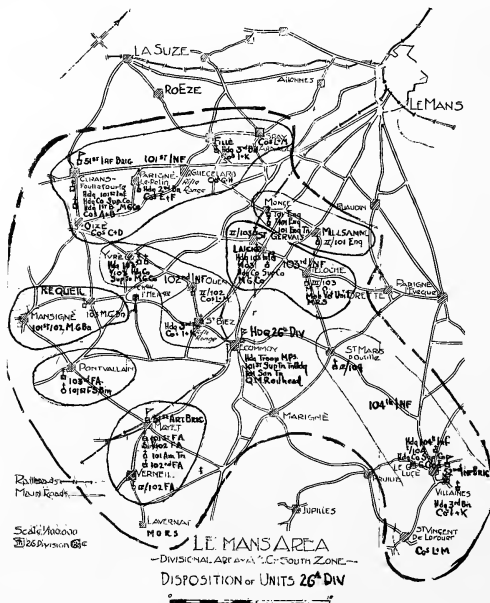
Rumors were current during the month of January that the division would soon leave for home. About January 28 the division commenced to move to the embarkation area around Le Mans. The 104th Infantry battalions marched from their various billeting towns to Domblain where troop trains of the usual French type carried them to the new area. It had been cold in the old area and there was snow on the ground, but in the new area the weather was milder. The various regiments detrained at Ecommoy and after a cooked meal prepared there, marched to the towns selected for their billets. An idea of the number of towns and area covered can be formed by the cut on another page.

THE LE MANS EMBARKATION AREA

In this area the towns were of a better type and much cleaner than those previously occupied, making things pleasanter for the

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troops. Here more attention was paid to close order work and discipline, with frequent strict inspections of clothing and equipment to see that every person was provided with each necessary article before the final inspection which would take place at Brest later. Leaves were being granted more freely and a better feeling prevailed everywhere.



Area Around Ecommoy
Occupied by 26th Div. Previous to Return to U. S.

THE DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT AT ECOMMOY

A program was announced during February of a divisional tournament to take place on March 10, 11, 12, consisting of boxing, football, soccer, and military events like platoon drills, gas

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mask race, equipment race, squad drill, and a company drill which included a road march with full equipment. Most of the R. L. G. boys were stationed at this time in Grande Luce and St. Mars. Considerable rivalry began to manifest itself among the different regiments. Col. Cheatham of the 104th expressed his desire that the 104th win this tournament and directed the battalion commanders to get busy. Major Connelly decided that his battalion would have to be a factor in the point winning so determined to concentrate on two events involving the greatest number of points. Some of the officers did not show the proper spirit to develop win-



Col. B. F. Cheatham, 104th Inf.

Receiving the Divisional Cup won by 104th Inf. at Division Games, Ecommoy, France, February, 1919. Gen. Harry F. Hale in foreground, Maj. Connelly and Capt. Stiles in rear of Col. Cheatham

ners so the major took a platoon from Company D which was the worst in the battalion and drilled them personally to show what could be done. Then assigning a new lieutenant to the platoon and supervising it, he soon developed what appeared to be a strong contender. Taking the same company he accomplished a like result. At the elimination tests of platoon, company, battalion, and regiment, these two units won steadily to the chagrin of the other companies, and became the representatives of the regiment. At the tournament they won by a big margin, justifying Major

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Connelly's judgment. The total points of these two events alone were greater than that of the whole 51st brigade and enabled the 104th Infantry to win the Divisional Trophy—a cup which is at the headquarters of the 104th, in the Springfield Armory—another triumph for the Richardson Light Guard.

A few days later at the rifle range at Ecommoy a Division review was held and the troops inspected by Gen. Pershing. This was a tedious affair lasting from 6 a. m. until 5 p. m., the troops standing in cold marshy ground.

In March 1918 Major Connelly was selected as a delegate from the 104th Infantry to the convention at Paris which organized the American Legion.

THE MOVE TO BREST AND HOME

The division entrained about the 19th for Brest preparatory to leaving for home. Here camps under canvas were occupied at Pontenason while various records were made out, delousing and baths attended to, and numerous inspections made.

On March 29 the 104th embarked on the Mt. Vernon, reaching Commonwealth Pier, Boston, April 4, 1918. The 101st followed on the American the next day and the 102nd on the Agamemnon. Trains were taken at the docks for Camp Devens where the Division was mustered out of service about April 29. A Division Review was held at Camp Devens which attracted many thousands of spectators.

April 25 the Division paraded in Boston, making a spectacular showing during which it was viewed by a tremendous crowd who, despite the cold wind, gave the boys a warm welcome after eighteen months of overseas service in which the Yankee Division distinguished itself.

The Yankee Division was the first complete division to reach France and the first to take over a division front in the line. It has a record of 212 actual days in the front and ground gained in action of 37 kilometers. As a division it received over 150 citations or commendations from the French government.

The following sectors were occupied:

Chemin-des-Dames, Northeast of Soissons, Feb. 6-Mar. 21, 1918.

La Reine and Boucq, North of Toul, April 3-June 28.

Pas Fini, Northwest of Chateau Thierry, July 10-July 25.

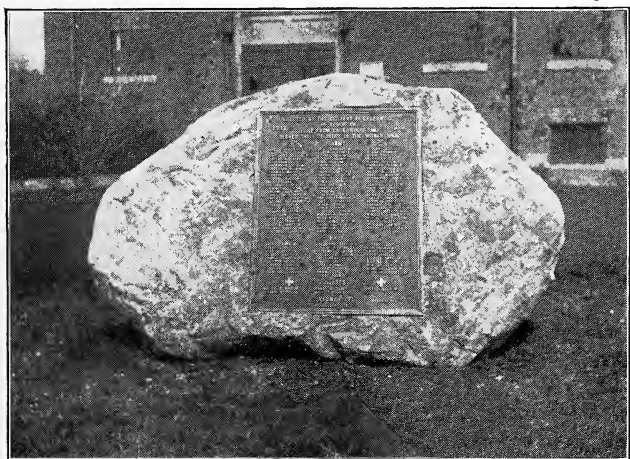
Rupt and Troyon, North of St. Mihiel, Sept. 2-Oct. 5.

Neptune, North of Verdun, Oct. 10-Nov. 14.

The division had a casualty list of 11,955 killed, wounded

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and missing. It is rated by the War Department in point of service as second in the list of combat divisions, the First Division being accorded first place. The Yankee Division has the honor of having one of its regiments (the 104th) the first American unit to be decorated by a foreign government. Another of its regiments (102nd Infantry) was also decorated by the French government later.



Greenwood Boulder

(In front of Greenwood School, Main Street)

Dedicated May 14, 1920

A Memorial to the Men and Women of Greenwood who
served in the World War and in memory of those
who made the Supreme Sacrifice

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

THE HOME COMING

On April 9 a committee of citizens with automobiles journeyed to Camp Devens to bring home to Wakefield about fifty of the Richardson Light Guard boys who had returned with the 26th Division. Thousands of people lined the streets as the machines drove through the town to the armory at 5.30 p. m. A continuous din of horns, cowbells, tooting of factory whistles, and fire alarm, ringing of church bells, and shrieks of fire truck sirens gave evidence of a sincere welcome. A crowd packed the armory to the walls. Commander J. Warren Poland of Post 12, chairman of the day's special committee, Chairman Charles E. Walton of the general reception committee, Chairman John J. Round of the Selectmen, extended brief words of welcome. Later Rev. Florence J. Halloran welcomed the boys in a short but sincere and eloquent address, paying a high tribute to their sacrifice. Major Connelly responded for the boys, thanking the people for their wonderful greeting and expressing the happiness of the Richardson Light Guard at being once more back safe in Wakefield. Miss Elisabeth Gleason sang, "America", and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," the crowd joining in the choruses.

After the crowd had been given an opportunity to shake the hands of the returned soldiers, they were treated to a buffet lunch, cigars, and cigarettes and then went to their homes.

The automobiles were owned and driven by Charles N. Winship, William E. Arnold, Dr. J. William O'Connell, Arthur C. Verge, Christopher F. Collins, J. Lowe McMahon, Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer, L. E. Nichols, Thomas E. Dwyer, and Almonte H. Fairbanks. John J. Round, Dr. Edward J. Donovan and Mr. Collins had tire trouble and had to transfer their passengers to other cars.

The Lady Associates of Company A, who served the refreshments with the committee were Mrs. Edward J. Connelly, Mrs. Anna Brockbank, Miss Marjorie D. Hawkes, Mrs. Catherine McMahon, Mrs. Julia Thompson, Mrs. Mary Seabury, Mrs. H. E. Harper, Mrs. Maurice Lane. The reception committee comprised J. Warren Poland, George H. Taylor, Frank H. Hackett, Daniel

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H. Regan, Thomas G. O'Connell, Charles N. Winship, Rev. F. S. Boody, Rev. William H. Flynn, Capt. John L. Downing, Chairman John J. Round of the Selectmen and Chairman Charles E. Walton of general reception committee. Committee on lunch—Daniel H. Regan, Capt. John L. Downing, George H. Taylor.

Committee on blowing fire alarm and ringing of bells—J. Warren Poland.

Committee to provide automobiles—C. F. Collins, H. M. Wheeler, Rev. Benjamin G. Seaboyer and Gardner E. Campbell.

Committee to Camp Devens on official welcoming committee—Chairman John J. Round of the Selectmen, Chairman Charles E. Walton, Rev. Florence J. Halloran, Charles N. Winship and J. Warren Poland.

To commemorate the service of Wakefield soldiers the town voted to present a medal to each soldier and a committee was appointed for the purpose, with Gardner E. Campbell, chairman.

On Feb. 26, 1919, the first of several exercises in connection with the presentation and reception was held in Town Hall. Later other receptions were held according to the number of returned veterans. The Lady Associates of Co. A, headed by Mrs. Edward J. Connelly, were assigned the honor of pinning on the medals. Included in these meetings were a few R. L. G. boys who had returned home wounded, ahead of the division.

At the Welcome Home Celebration in October the other Richardson Light Guard members received their medals.

BANQUET TO CO. A BY LADY ASSOCIATES

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 30, 1919, the Lady Associates gave a complimentary banquet to the former Co. A members at the Armory. Caterer C. C. Whittemore furnished an unusually fine spread which was enjoyed by the large turn-out of the former company. Lt. Col. John H. McMahon acted as Toastmaster. The only guests invited were the officers of the State Guard Company, it being a Richardson Light Guard affair.

The committee on arrangements were—Mrs. Edward J. Connelly, chairman; Mrs. Fred H. Rogers, Miss Marjorie D. Hawkes, Mrs. Julia Thompson, Mrs. Anna Brockbank, Mrs. L. A. Holden, Mrs. Margaret Reissle, Mrs. A. C. Sargent, Miss H. Goodridge, Mrs. Charles L. Harlow, Mrs. H. E. Harper, Mrs. Barnet Gersinovitch, Miss Anna Lee.

Oct. 1, 1919. On the following evening, Wednesday, the Lady Associates gave a dance to which all veterans were invited whether members of Co. A or not. This was a very enjoyable

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affair and was very largely attended by men in uniform. Mrs. E. J. Connelly was in charge of the arrangements, assisted by the same committee of Lady Associates which had charge of the banquet of previous evening.

On the Tuesday evening following, the Lady Associates of Co. A wound up their affairs as an organization and disbanded. The balance in their treasury was divided equally and donated to the new Company A (\$65) and Corp. Harry E. Nelson Post No. 63, American Legion (\$65). Four members who had not returned from service were not overlooked and provision was made to entertain them on their return. Thus passed an organization of mothers, wives, sweethearts, sisters and friends which is held in grateful memory.

THE HOME-COMING OF WAKEFIELD SOLDIERS

OCTOBER 13, 1919

What was considered by many as the most memorable celebration ever held here, or at least in a quarter of a century, was the "Welcome Home" of the loyal sons of Wakefield from across the seas. It was a day never to be forgotten by Wakefield people and fully twelve or fifteen thousand people witnessed the cordial greetings extended by townspeople and others who came to Wakefield for that long-anticipated day of days.

The day was cloudless, and fully 5,000 men, women and children were in the parade. Stirring bands and enthusiasm incident to returning veterans after months of patriotic service made the day conspicuous, from the viewpoint of notable days in the town's long and honorable military history.

Perhaps best of all the many things which contributed to the truly remarkable celebration of victory and home-coming was the presence of Maj.-Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, commander of the 26th Division, in which about 200 of Wakefield's 750 veterans served. General Edwards was greeted with a mighty cheer when he mounted the band stand on the park to address the vast audience. At the time of his arrival Rev. F. J. Halloran, rector of St. Joseph's Church was delivering an inspiring address of welcome, on behalf of the town, but he paused, on seeing Gen. Edwards, and said: "I am proud to be interrupted to greet the best-loved General in America."

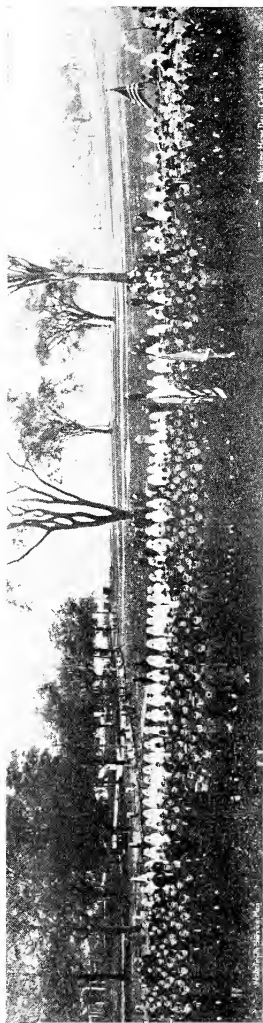
The parade started exactly on the dot at the appointed hour. Lt.-Col. John H. McMahon was chief marshal, and Dr. J. William O'Connell adjutant. Veterans of the Civil War and the

Spanish War, the "boys" of former days who, too, had bared their breasts in defense of their country, were given honored places in line. The line of march was lined with spectators on foot and in automobiles who applauded heartily the heroes as they passed. The sadder side of the grand review was the presence of many returning veterans who were unable to march, but who were conveyed by autos; and sadder than this incident was the realization that beyond the Atlantic Ocean, were the remains of many of Wakefield's brave boys who had paid the supreme sacrifice, and whose presence was solely missed on this great day of intended rejoicing.

The route of the parade was from Wakefield Square along Chestnut street, North avenue, Yale avenue, Main street, Park street, Pleasant street, Salem street, to the Common, where all marching organizations and visiting guests assembled around the band stand.

Exercises at the band stand were impressive and enthusiastic, furnishing an inspiring spectacle never to be forgotten. Khaki-clad war veterans, blue-jacketed lads of the Navy, Red Cross nurses and yeo-girls occupied conspicuous places near the speakers, from whom high tributes were paid. Rev. Warren S. Perkins, pastor of the Universalist Church tenderly offered the invocation, especially remembering President Wilson, then suffering from illness, also parents of the boys who had lost their lives, and to whom the day meant a day of great bereavement, yet mingled with gratitude. Father Halloran, as already noted, who had delivered the address of farewell when the Richardson Light Guard left Wakefield in response to the country's call, paid a glowing tribute to the boys who had fought under the colors. His scholarly and patriotic tribute left a deep impression on all who were privileged to hear him.

Major Edward J. Connelly, with whom General Edwards had marched during the parade (the latter having declined to ride, but preferred to walk by the side of his valued comrade and friend) was likewise given a tremendous ovation when introduced by Chairman Charles E. Walton of the town's reception committee. Maj. Connelly graciously thanked the town of Wakefield for showing appreciation of the deeds of service men. Maj. Connelly paid a high tribute to Gen. Edwards, adding that the General had the highest affection of mothers and fathers of all the service men for his humane and considerate care of men in his command. Maj. Connelly urged the service men to "deliver the goods" in civilian life as they had done while serving the colors.



Welcome Home Day on Park, Oct. 13, 1919



Welcome Home Day, Oct. 13, 1919

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When Gen. Edwards was introduced the ovation equalled that of his initial appearance, for rarely has a speaker been accorded such a flattering welcome as the idol of the Yankee Division. Gen. Edwards paid high praises to Maj. Connelly whom he said was fully deserving of his promotion, following an unusual demonstration of loyalty and bravery. Gen. Edwards also paid high tributes to Capt. Paul H. Taylor of the Ordnance Department and other Wakefield officers and men. "The Yankee Division never heard of the conscientious objector and didn't know there was any such animal" said Gen. Edwards, in referring to the loyalty of his men. "You had a stout-hearted and game lot of men in the service. I congratulate Wakefield on its participation in the war, and thank Wakefield for its magnificent demonstration today. Things like this give definite hope of the future and make people smile," said Gen. Edwards in closing.

Gen. Edwards' aide read the roll of honor of Wakefield's sons who paid the supreme sacrifice during the war; also those who were wounded in the service and those who were cited for bravery and gallantry in action. There were 750 Wakefield men under the colors, of whom 200 were in the Yankee Division. Twenty-nine paid the supreme sacrifice, 19 being killed in action, 8 dying of disease and 2 dying from accidents. In the 26th Division, there were 15 who died in the service. In the town's list there were 80 wounded, 37 cited for bravery of whom 30 were in the Yankee Division; 70 officers in the war of whom 12 were Y. D. men.

Chairman John J. Round of the Board of Selectmen presented two flags to Corp. Harry E. Nelson Post 63, American Legion; the Stars and Stripes and Union Jack, representing the Army and Navy. Presentation by Mr. Round of medals provided by the town, concluded the ceremonies on the Common.

Late in the afternoon a banquet was served in the Armory, attended by about 500 people. Speech-making was purposely dispensed with, but greetings were extended by Chairman Walton of the town committee. The armory was appropriately decorated for the occasion. After the banquet an entertainment was provided at the Princess Theatre and Wakefield's official Welcome Home was concluded. In the opinion of many who had witnessed celebrations in other places, Wakefield's exercises were conceded to be more elaborate and patriotic than exercises held in larger places, again demonstrating the assertion so frequently applied to Wakefield, that the town fulfilled obligations in this, as in every feature and incident associated with the World War; for no ex-

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pense or detail was spared to make the day gratifying in every respect.

Business blocks, stores and private dwellings were appropriately decorated for the occasion. There were four divisions in the parade, and about a dozen committees and official representatives of the town worked for weeks in making arrangements for the event.



**Accolade Given to Soldiers Wounded
in World War**



**R. L. G. Men Who Gave Their Lives in the Service
During the World War**

Upper Row, left to right: Cpl. Crowell G. Fish, Co. A, 104th Inf.;
1 Cl. Pvt. Edward M. Fay, Co. D, 102nd Inf.; Cook, Joseph J.
Buckley, 4th Pioneer Regt.; Centre: Cpl. Harry E. Nelson, Co.
G, 104th, Inf.; Lower Row, left to right: Pvt. Thomas E. Meuse,
Co. F, 102nd Inf.; Pvt. Timothy E. Cummings, Co. A, 104th Inf.;
1 Cl. Pvt. Roy P. Stone, Co. A, 104th Inf.



**R. L. G. Men Who Gave Their Lives in the Service
During the World War**

Upper Row, left to right: 1 Cl. Pvt. Wilfred A. Vallard, Hq. Co., 101st Inf.; Cpl. John C. Brockbank, Co. A, 104th Inf.; Cpl. John P. Duggan, Co. A, 104th Inf.; Centre: Cpl. Andrew P. McLaughlin, Co. A, 104th Inf.; Lower Row, left to right: 1 Cl. Pvt. John T. Burns, Hq. Co., 101st Inf.; Pvt. Carl L. Coombs, Co. A, 104th Inf.; Pvt. John P. Donegan, Co. A, 104th Inf.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

"Those who have passed from this world only die, when we whom they loved, have forgotten them."

Of the twenty-nine Wakefield men who died from disease and wounds, or who were killed outright, fourteen, or nearly fifty per cent were Richardson Light Guard members. Had Co. A gone through the World War as an organization there is no doubt that the losses would have been far greater than they were.

HONOR ROLL

Brockbank, John C., Cpl.	Fay, Edward M., 1 Cl. Pvt.
Buckley, Joseph J., Cook	Fish, Crowell G., Cpl.
Burns, John T., Pvt.	McLaughlin, Andrew P., Cpl.
Coombs, Carl L., Pvt.	Meuse, Thomas E., Pvt.
Cumming, Timothy E., Pvt.	Nelson, Harry E., Cpl.
Donegan, John P., Pvt.	Stone, Roy P., 1 Cl. Pvt.
Duggan, John P., Cpl.	Vallard, Wilfred A., Pvt.

The Richardson Light Guard suffered a high percentage of casualties other than those who died, as the following list testifies. It has been difficult to accurately check all those who were wounded owing to the men not replying to information cards and the fact that after the 6th Regt. was broken up no records were centrally kept as would have been the case if all were in one company. There were some cases of men wounded or gassed who were not officially recorded and to whom no wound stripes were issued. Forty-two men were authorized to wear wound chevrons, five of whom were wounded in two different battles, making a total of 47. This added to the number of dead makes a total of 61 casualties—40 percent of the original 150 men—showing that the Richardson Light Guard saw considerable action in the World War.

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R. L. G. WOUNDED

Beebe, John H., Jr.	Hatfield, George E.
Behrle, Joseph F.	Heustis, George B.
Better, Edward F., Jr.	Lee, John J.
Blanchard, Leon A.	Malonson, Frank J.
Brockbank, Gray B.	Mellen, Ernest E.
Brockbank, John C.	Melonson, Fred P.
Brown, James G.	McCarthy, Frank E.
Butler, J. M.	McGrath, John F.
Cayting, Hayward C.	McWhinnie, Ernest J.
Collins, James	Neiss, Archie J.
Connelly, Edward J.	Palumbo, John
Crowley, John J.	Reebenacker, Edward K.
DeRoche, George B.	Reissle, Frederick K.
Dubois, Victor A.	Rhodes, William H.
Duggan, John P.	Seabury, James S.
Eaton, Nathan W., Jr.	Seabury, William D.
Eastman, Ernest E.	Singer, Norman C.
Fay, Edward M.	Stanley, Calvin R.
Fraughton, George P.	Wenzel, William L.
Gammons, Frank W.	Walsh, Arthur T.
Goodridge, Carl W.	Weaver, Percy R.
Hanright, Thomas E.	

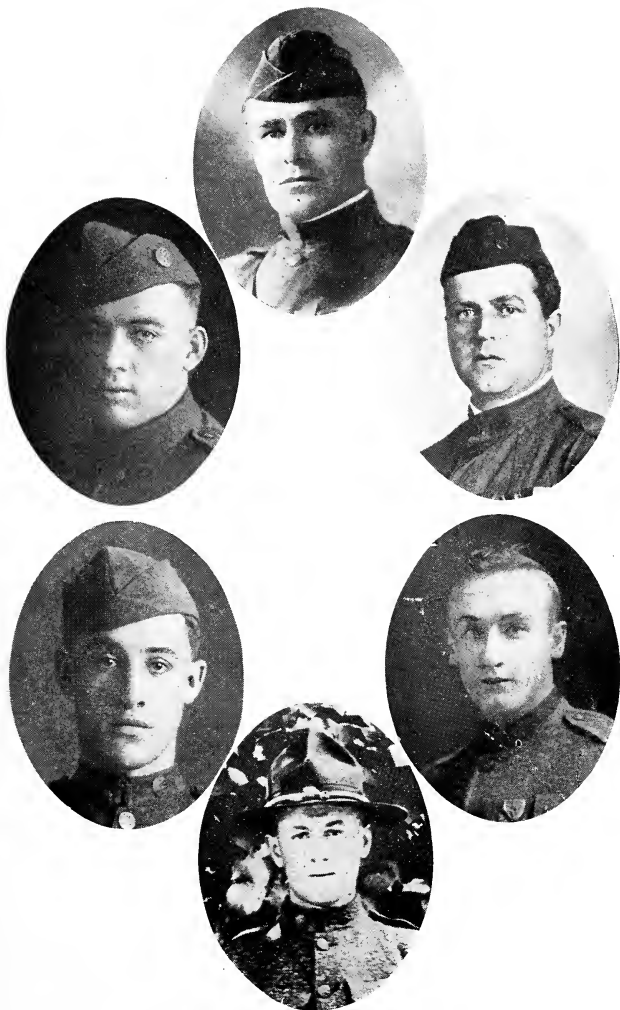
DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS OF R. L. G. MEN FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

The Richardson Light Guard by the extraordinary performance of service in France brought high honors to the town of Wakefield. Its record should be a source of pride to those who believe that true Americanism includes loyalty and service to country though that service may mean sacrifice of opportunity, financial advancement and life itself.

President Coolidge is quoted as stating that "A man's life belongs first to his country."

There are a number of R. L. G. men deserving of decoration whose acts, due to stress of circumstances, passed unnoticed during engagements with the enemy. To receive a decoration or citation one must be recommended in writing by a person in authority who has been an eyewitness or has positive knowledge of the act performed. This recommendation is then considered by a board who approves or disapproves the award.

The 104th Inf., the first U. S. regiment to receive a foreign decoration, numbered in its ranks R. L. G. men who in a large measure were responsible for the success of the actions which resulted in this great honor. In the 102nd Inf. and 101st Inf. we also find R. L. G. heroes, and again we find the Military Police, in which were R. L. G. men, cited.



R. L. G. Men Decorated in World War

Capt. Edward J. Connelly, Co. G, 104th Inf.; Sgt. John J. Lee,
Co. D, 102nd Inf.; Sgt. Nathan W. Eaton, Jr., Co. G, 104th Inf;
Cpl. Victor A. Dubois, Hq. Co., 101st Inf.; Cpl. Otis L. Stone,
Co. K, 104th Inf.; Cpl. Harry E. Nelson, Co. G, 104th Inf.



RÉPUBLIQUE
MINISTÈRE

FRANÇAISE
DE LA GUERRE

CROIX DE GUERRE

LE 8 AVRIL 1918

LE MINISTRE DE LA GUERRE

certifie que

Monsieur G. Coste

a obtenu la CROIX DE GUERRE pour Citation à l'Ordre du jour d'armée

pour avoir, sous le drapeau, fait preuve de bravoure et de courage
au cours de la Campagne 1914-1918

Tant en France, le 22 septembre 1918

Le Général
Ministre de la Guerre

M. G. Coste
1918-1918

1914-1918

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Capt. Edward J. Connelly, 104th Inf., awarded Croix de Guerre with gold star, and following citation 32nd Army Corps (French).

32d Corps D'Armee

Etat-Major

Ler Bureau Personal

Extrait de L'ordre General No 736—A

Le General commandant le 32 eme corps d'armeo, cite a l'ordre du corps d'armee, les militaires dont les noms suivent.

Edward J. Connelly, Capitaine au 104 R. I.

"A fait preuve des plus belles qualites de calme, de courage et de jugement dans le commandement au feu de la Compagnie G, les 12 et 13 Avril 1918. A deux reprises operant en liaison avec des troupes francaises, a entraine ses hommes dans des contre-attaques menees avec la plus grande vigueur et qui ont oblige l'ennemi a se retirer dans ses lignes".

Pour Amplication

Le chef d'etat-Major

Q. G. le 26 Avril 1918

S. Manqui

Le General Passaga, Cdt., le 32 eme C. A. Passaga

Translated—"Showed finest qualities of calm, courage and judgment in commanding Company G under fire, the 12th and 13th of April. In two attempts, operating with the French, he led his men in counter-attacks with great vigor and forced the enemy to retire into his own lines."

Citation Orders, No. 1 American Expeditionary Forces, France. Capt. Edward J. Connelly—for gallantry in action at Bois Brule, Apremont.

United States Army Citation, Captain Edward J. Connelly, 104th Inf. For distinguished and exceptional gallantry at Bois Brule Apremont, on 12 and 13 April 1918 in the operation of the

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

in testimony thereof, and as an expression of appreciation of his valor, I award him this citation.

Awarded on 27 March 1919.

John J. Pershing,
Commander-in-Chief.

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Two citations in Divisional Orders.

Twice recommended for Distinguished Service Cross.

Awarded Citation Diploma by French Government which was forwarded through the French Ambassador at Washington and received Dec. 1925.

Maj. Edward J. Connelly awarded Silver Star Citation by War Department, March 1, 1923.

"Edward J. Connelly, Major, First Battalion, 104th Infantry, Twenty-Sixth Division. For gallantry in action on Nov. 9, 10, 1918, between Bois D'Haumont and the town of Ville-Devant-Chaumont, France. On the afternoon of Nov. 9 he personally and with great gallantry led his battalion, greatly reduced in numbers, in the attack, driving the enemy back into the town, in the face of terrific machine gun and rifle fire from his front as well as from the hills at his left.

On the morning of Nov. 10 he again, with splendid courage and devotion to duty, led the advance of his battalion until severely wounded. His complete disregard for his own safety, his fine courage and leadership, proved a wonderful stimulus to the men of his command.

Corporal Nathan W. Eaton, Jr., Co. G, 104th Inf., awarded Croix de Guerre and citation 32nd Army Corps French, April 26, 1918.

"Remarkable courage and ability in aid given to wounded under violent bombardment during the battle of April 12."

Corporal Harry E. Nelson, Co. G, 104th Inf., awarded Croix de Guerre (Posthumously) and citation.

"Remarkable coolness and courage in the command of his squad under violent fire, was mortally wounded on April 13."

Corporal Otis L. Stone, Co. K, 104th Inf., awarded Croix de Guerre and Citation (French), Divisional Citation, and Distinguished Service Cross with Army Citation.

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Headquarters 26th Division
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, Aug. 31, 1918.

General Orders
No. 74

Extract

1. The Division Commander takes great pleasure in citing in orders the following named officers and men who have shown marked gallantry and meritorious service in the capture of Torcy, Belleau, Givry, Bouresches Woods, Rochet Woods, Hill 190, overlooking Chateau Thierry, Etrepilly, Beguet, Epieds, Trugny and La Fere Woods to the Jaulgonne—Fere-en-Tardenois Road, during the advance of this Division against the enemy from July 18th to 25th, 1918 in the Second Battle of the Marne.

Corp. Otis L. Stone, Co. K, 104th Inf.,
C. R. Edwards,
Major General, Commanding.

Letter to Corp. Stone:

I have read with much pleasure the reports of your regimental commander and brigade commander regarding your gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field on July 22, 1918, rescuing a wounded comrade under heavy enemy fire at Epieds in Second Battle of the Marne, and have ordered your name and deed to be entered in the record of the Yankee Division.

Signed C. R. Edwards,
Maj.-Gen. Commanding 26th Division.

Corporal John J. Lee, Co. D, 102nd Inf. Awarded Croix de Guerre with Palm, French Citation, and Divisional Citation.

"Le Caporal John J. Lee de la Compagne D du 102 Regiment d'Infanterie Americaine.

Ra montre une grande bravoure sans le par alors qu'il etait charge de prendre les tirsurs ennemes. Ov l'appel de volontaires, a pris san fusil mitrailleurs et a advance sans un feu violent de mitrailleurs, obligant l'ennemi a reculer."

Ordre No. 12, 245 "D" Du Quartier
General le 11 Decembre, 1918. Le Marechal
Commandant en Chef, les armies de l'Est.
Petain

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Headquarters 26th Division,
American Expeditionary Forces,
France, Oct. 16, 1918.

General Orders
No. 88

Extract

The Division Commander is pleased to cite in orders the following named officers and men and congratulates them on their exceptionally meritorious service and gallant conduct during the operations of the division against the enemy at Marcheville and Riaville on September 25th and 26th, 1918.

Under a terrific enemy artillery bombardment lasting for nearly twenty-four hours and under intense machine gun fire and in fierce hand to hand conflicts with grenades, rifle, pistol and bayonet, these officers and soldiers accomplished their mission and broke up four counter-attacks.

Corp. John J. Lee, Company D, 102nd Inf.
C. R. Edwards,
Major General, Commanding.

Corp. Victor A. Dubois, awarded Distinguished Service Cross with citations (American) and Croix de Guerre and citation (French).

War Department,
Washington, Feb. 1, 1919.

General Orders
No. 21

Award of Distinguished Service Cross

Victor A. Dubois, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 101st Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action north of Verdun, France. October 23, 1918. When the sergeant in charge of his wire laying detail was wounded he assumed command and, although himself wounded, continued to work and established liason with the assaulting battalion. He then went back to the wounded sergeant, administered first aid, and brought stretcher bearers to him.

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Corp. Percy H. Young, Headquarters Co. 101st Inf., recommended for Croix de Guerre and cited in Division orders.

Citation Percy H. Young, Hq. Co., 101st Inf.

"I have read with much pleasure the reports of your regimental commander regarding your gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field from October 23rd to 28th, 1918, northwest of Verdun, and have ordered your name and deed to be entered in the records of the Yankee Division.

C. R. Edwards,
Major General, Commanding
the 26th Division.

1st Cl. Pvt. John M. Butler, recommended for Distinguished Service Cross and cited in Division orders. Copy has not been obtained of the Division Citation but wording is similar to those of other men.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

BASKET BALL AND ATHLETICS

In 1903 Company A started basket ball again after a lapse of six years. At that time the game was played with eleven men on a team and more like indoor football. Company A put a team on the floor under the new rules which called for five-men teams and required much more cleverness than the old-style game. Considerably handicapped at the start, as none of the men had ever played before and having no coach, things did not look so bright, but each man bought his suit and started practise with a football which was oval in shape and hard to handle. A little later the team was fortunate in getting a regular basket ball which was round and easier to handle.

The first game was with the Sons of Veterans of Woburn and was won by the score of 32 to 0—a record score. The visitors had played the game three years, but were unable to score. The team was made up of A. D. Baxter, captain; George Gammons, John Widell, Thomas Whall, Manuel Dingle, W. G. Hunt, manager. Substitutes: Cosman, Collins and Shanahan. Games won, 20; lost, 6.

BASKET BALL

1903-1904

Again Company A put on the floor a team that won the Military Championship and also that of the state. The team received a silver cup which is now in the trophy room of the Armory. Competition was not strong enough around home and as it was hard to arrange games, they had to play such teams as Dartmouth College, Fall River Signal Corps, and St. Johnsbury, Vt., which were the leading teams in the country at that time. The team lost one game in the league series and won 9, also won 16 games outside of the league. Games lost 3; games won 25.

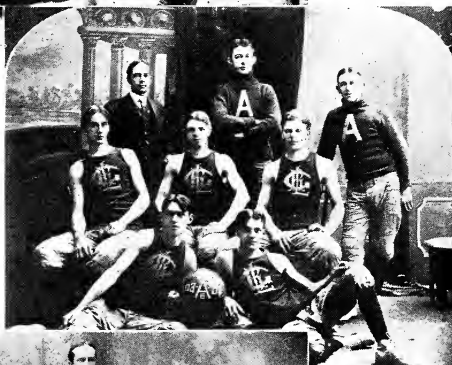
The team comprised J. M. Widell, captain; George Gammons, Richard Collins, William Kelley, Clarence Legg; substitutes, Andrew McFadden, Richard Cosman, (Walter G. Hunt, manager).



Co. A Basketball Team, 1903
 Left to right:
 Pvt. Arthur Sullivan, Pvt. Harry Godfrey; Sitting, left to right: William Burbine (Mgr.), Pvt. Paul W. Mortimer, Pvt. Roy A. Barstow, Cpl. A. D. Baxter

Co. A Basketball Champions, 1903 - 1904

Lower row, left to right: Pvt. William Kelley, Pvt. Clarence Legg; Middle row: Pvt. George Gammons, Pvt. John Widell (Capt.), Pvt. Richard Collins; Upper row, Sgt. Walter G. Hunt (Mgr.), Pvt. Andrew McFadden, Pvt. Richard Cosman



Co. A Basketball Team 1904 - 1905

Lower row, left to right: Pvt. Richard Cosman, Pvt. William Kelley; upper row: Pvt. Edward Dulong, Pvt. Richard Collins, Sgt. Walter G. Hunt (Mgr.), Pvt. Thomas Whall, Pvt. Andrew McFadden

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1905-1906

Team was as follows: G. Gammons, A. McFadden, Thomas Whall, W. Kelley, Clarence Legg, P. Reynolds, manager. Substitutes, P. Mortimer, E. Dulong, R. Cosman. Games won 20; lost 10.

1909

In 1906-1907-1908 Company A was forced to give up the game because it could not get teams to play them and T. Whall, A. McFadden, John Widell and E. Dulong joined the Reading Y. M. C. A. In the same year Company G of Gloucester claimed the military championship of the state. J. H. Keough of Co. A issued a challenge to Company G to defend the title and a three game series was arranged and again the Company won the championship of the state. The scores—Company A 31, Company G 28; Company A 32, Company G 48; Company A 17, Company G 13. The rivalry was so intense at these games that the big crowds were kept on edge every minute.

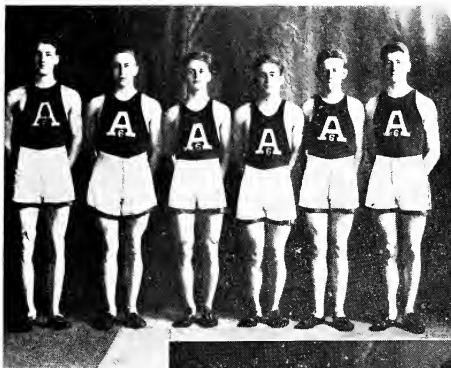
The team was as follows: J. Widell, captain; Paul Mortimer, William Kelley, A. King and Bergstrom. The last two were members of Company A, but resided in Winchester, Mass.

1914

After his election in the latter part of this year, Capt. Connelly decided to take up athletics in the company as a means of bringing in new recruits and holding the interest of the older men. Together with his lieutenants, plans were worked out for the coming year to take up basket ball, relay racing, sprints, and military games.

Wooden banks were built by Henry E. Feindel for the corners on the armory floor, to be used in relay and distance running, and the new basket ball equipment was purchased. Candidates for the various teams were selected and practise started under John M. Widell, a former basket ball star who soon developed two fine teams. The wonderful success of these teams was due to the hard coaching of Mr. Widell which kept the players in good condition, and the selection of opponents that made the teams extend themselves.

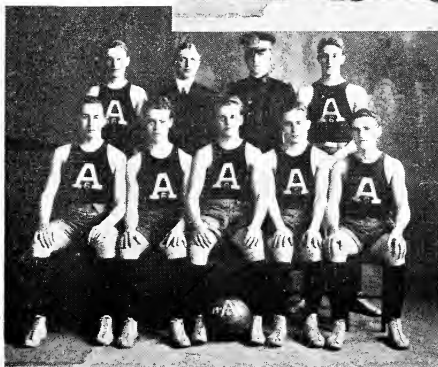
Later, several athletic meets were held which brought out some very good track men. Prizes were offered to stimulate the efforts of these athletes, who furnished a number of interesting contests.



Co. A, 6th Mass. Inf., N.G., Track Team, 1915-1916
 Left to right:
 Pvt. Melburn N. Harlow, Pvt. John H. Beebe, Jr., Pvt. Roy H. Wright, Pvt. Thomas F. Corcoran, Pvt. Jas. G. Brown, Cpl. Thos. J. Quinn

Co. A Basketball 2nd Team 1916

Sitting, left to right: Pvt. Edward M. Fay, Pvt. John A. Doucette, Pvt. Arthur T. Walsh, Pvt. Geo. B. Heustis, Pvt. George A. Burrage; Standing, left to right: Widell (coach), 2d Lt. Edgar B. Hawkes (Mgr.), Cpl. Thomas J. Quinn.



Co. A Basketball 1st Team 1915 - 1916

Sitting, left to right: Pvt. John H. Beebe, Jr. (Capt.), Pvt. Brent M. Edgar, Pvt. Roy H. Wright, Pvt. Thos. F. Corcoran, Pvt. Chas. E. Creedon; Standing: Pvt. Harry E. Nelson, John M. Widell (coach), 2nd Lt. Edgar B. Hawkes (Mgr.), Pvt. Melburn N. Harlow

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All these events created enthusiasm and brought to the company a number of clean young men who became excellent soldiers.

Mr. Widell, a true sportsman, gave freely of his time and knowledge without recompense other than the satisfaction of turning out winning teams and of helping the company to maintain a high standard.

During his administration, Capt. Connelly and officers gave much assistance to the school authorities in furthering high school athletics.



A Group of Athletic Prizes Won by Co. A

Lower Row, left to right: July 31, 1915, 1st Prize Relay Race; Relay Race at Framingham, 1910, won by Priv. M. T. Burns; Squad Drill by Company A, April 23, 1909; Upper Row, left to right: Basketball, Wakefield vs. Stoneham, won by Co. A, 1917; Town Championship Bowling, 1909-1910; Suburban Military League, 1903-1904, won by Co. A

1915-1916

After a lapse of six years, Company A organized a team again, won 22 games, lost 8, and was second in the military league. The team was made up as follows: R. H. Wright, captain; J. H. Beebe, Jr., M. Harlow, H. E. Nelson, C. E. Creedon, T. F. Corcoran, B. M. Edgar, J. Widell, coach; E. Hawkes, manager.

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The intense rivalry between the teams resulted in hard playing with plenty of excitement, which had the effect of attracting a large attendance and keeping up the interest. Most of the games were played at Company A armory.

A second team was also developed which usually played visiting teams on the nights the first team played, and which furnished in their class basket ball as interesting as the first team.

1915

ATHLETICS

February 19. Under the auspices of Company A, the Wakefield High School held an athletic meet in the armory. The Company A relay team comprising Privates Brown, Corcoran, C. Creedon and McLaughlin defeated a fast team from Company D, 9th Regiment of Boston in the mile race. A thirty yard dash for members of these teams resulted in a win for Company A, Privates Corcoran and Brown winning first and second places respectively. Athletes from the local Y. M. C. A. performed creditably. There was an attendance of about five hundred persons.

March, 1915. Company A and Company H of the 6th regiment met in a tournament March 12 and March 31. The events were basketball, bowling, rifle shooting, relay race, thirty-yard dash, pool, checkers, whist and cribbage. Company A won 28 to 20, the bowling and relay teams scoring most of the points. Each team donated a sum of money for the purchase of a trophy. After each meet the companies enjoyed a collation. This first meet was held in Stoneham and the second in Wakefield, each town sending a big delegation of "rooters". There was considerable rivalry of a friendly nature. Sergt. John T. Murray of Company A led in the indoor shooting.

"A DAY IN CAMP."

April 26. "A Day in Camp" was presented for the entertainment of a large number of friends and Fine Members by the companies. A company street of shelter tents was pitched on wood frames in center of drill hall. The company marched from outdoors with field equipment and camp routine was gone through.

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Call to quarters, taps, first call, reveille, setting-up drill, breaking camp, bayonet exercises, extended order drill, and attack, formed part of the program.

Athletic events then followed—thirty-yard dash for members won by Corcoran; relay race between juniors and freshmen of the high school to decide a dead heat at a previous meet, bayonet fencing by team from Company C, 8th Regiment; a relay race between Company A, 6th Infantry, and Company K, 8th Infantry of Somerville, who claimed military relay championship of state, was won by Company A in fast time (Privates Corcoran, C. Creedon, Brown, McLaughlin). Private Burrage and C. A. Doucette furnished a tin cup fight blindfolded. The 880-yard run was won by Privates McLaughlin, Brown second. A blank cartridge race, similar to a potato race in which the cartridges had to be loaded into a rifle and last one fired, furnished a thrill. This was won by Musician Cheever.

The audience voted this "Day in Camp" a most enjoyable and novel affair.

July 5. At Lowell during the celebration, Private James G. Brown won the half mile run and the relay team won second place not being in best of condition after the two days' camp.

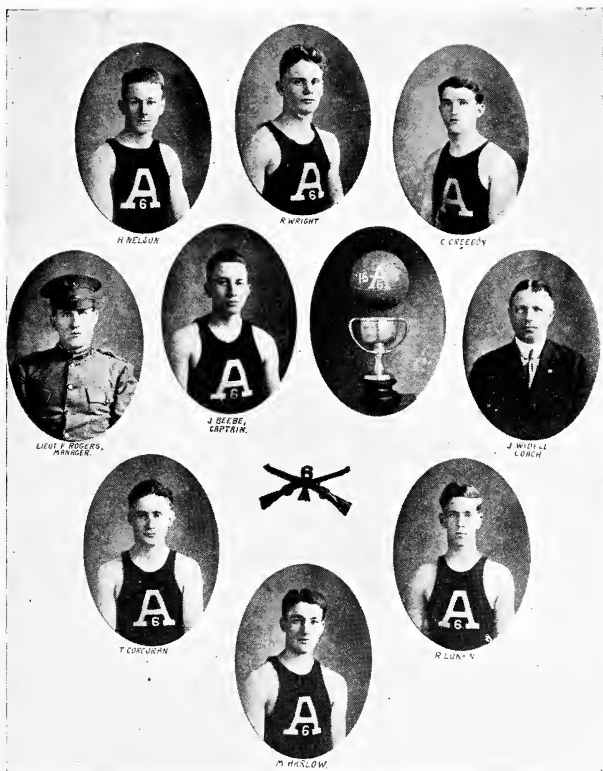
August 12. During the athletic events at camp, Private Brown won first place in half mile run (up) and Private W. L. Wenzel won third prize in shot put.

1916-1917

Team won 28 and lost 4 games.

Team members: J. H. Beebe, Jr., captain; H. Nelson, M. Harlow, C. Creedon, R. Luken, T. Corcoran, R. Wright, J. Widell, coach; Lt. Rogers, manager. This team also won series from Company H, 6th Regiment of Stoneham, Mass., and a silver cup which is now in trophy room in armory.

A second team composed of George D. Sargent, John A. Doucette, Arthur T. Walsh, Roy Luken, Thomas J. Quinn, Edward M. Fay, George B. Heustis, George A. Burrage, played throughout the season—winning most of their games.



Co. A, First Team Basket Ball, 1916 - 1917



J. W. BINGHAM.



A. H. BIRD.



S. D. WOODS.



J. G. BROWN
MGR



D. B. SARGENT.
CAPT.



J. M. WIDELL.
COACH.



L. F. DOUCETTE.



H. M. GERRIOR



F. J. DOUCETTE.

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2nd Team, Basketball, Co. K, 101st Inf., 1919 - 1920

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1918

After Company A reached the Southern camps when the weather became warmer, a team was formed comprising some of the old players under John M. Widell and defeated all the basket ball teams in the camp of which there were some very strong aggregations.

1919-1920

After the war the new Company took up the game again and won 26 and lost 6 games. Team was as follows: R. Wright, captain; C. Creedon, T. Gibbons, R. Luken, H. Mortimer, A. Flint, J. Widell, coach; Lt. Brown, manager.

March, 1921

In the athletic meet Company K team won the relay race. The team was composed of Lt. Brown, Lt. Beebe, Private Harlow and Private Reardon. They were awarded a very valuable cup for this victory and also gained one leg on another cup which will remain on competition for three years. Lt. Brown also won the quarter mile race.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

RIFLE SHOOTING OF THE RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD

Rifle shooting has always played a very important part in the history of the Richardson Light Guard. To the pioneers in the early eighties who overcame unsurmountable obstacles for the sheer love of the game and formed the foundation of such a remarkable career, the bulk of the credit should go.

Conditions now are somewhat different. The best of equipment is available. Every armory has a splendid indoor range. Ammunition is furnished free of charge and there is plenty of it.

Compare these advantages with the home made contrivances and equipment which were used some forty years ago, inadequate ranges, ammunition made at the armory and purchased by the members of the team, lack of proper transportation to and from the outdoor range, which was constructed mostly by the members of the company, and you will readily see that unless these splendid types of riflemen loved the sport, Wakefield would not enjoy the unequalled reputation in rifle work that is rightfully hers.

As this history covers from 1901 to date (1926), it perhaps would be well to tell in a brief way about some of the hard fought victories before the beginning of this epoch.

Although the first match on record shot between the members of the Richardson Light Guard took place on October 27, 1853, there was no active work with the rifle until the year 1875. In October of that year the Massachusetts Volunteer Rifle Association was formed and the first military rifle competition held in the state was shot at South Framingham on the camp grounds, November 17th, under their auspices. Annual competitions were held under the direction of this Association until 1880, when the state assumed control.

In 1879 Company A stood at the head of the entire state militia in rifle work, not only won first prize, the Peabody Trophy, but broke all existing records with a score of 103 out of a possible 125, the conditions being five men, five shots offhand, 200 yards.

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From then on, the Richardson Light Guard was up with the leaders, winning the majority of the matches and receiving many handsome trophies which are now safely kept at the armory.

In 1889 the Company took all honors even defeating a team containing many crack shots who had just returned from representing the United States abroad. However, in 1890 the first regimental competition was held which was won by the Richardson Light Guard. This victory started a record of consecutive wins which has never been equalled or surpassed by any military unit in existence. From 1890 until 1906 Company A did not know defeat in the Regimental Matches, winning first place year after year.



Statuette "La Chasse"

1st Prize, Middlesex Military
League, 1901

In 1907 the Rifle team of Company A again won the Regimental Championship but in the three years that followed, due to new men coming to the team, they relinquished the lead.

In the year 1911 again saw Company A at the top, not content with the first place, but broke all records with a score of 649. The highest score up to that time was 645 also held by Company A. This same year in the shoot for the winning company teams in each regiment, Company A again won first place winning

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the State trophy, with a splendid score of 673 out of a possible 750. Ten men shooting five shots each at 200, 500 and 600 yds. As conditions changed in after years this score still remains as the record over this course.

The Richardson Light Guard in the years to follow won the Regimental shoot every year. In 1916 on account of the Mexican Border affair, the regimental competition was not held.

The success of the company team under Capt. Gray was continued under Capt. McMahon and his officers, who gave much attention to indoor shooting, which in a large degree trained a number of men preliminary to the outdoor work.

As the years went on conditions governing the matches grew harder and the competition keener, but still Co. A went forward taking green men, training and developing them into steady fine shooting members.

Under Capt. Connelly the company still forged ahead until the war stopped the winning streak of a truly remarkable shooting company.

The next year the World War took place, but on the forming of the new Richardson Light Guard, the rifle practice was renewed and again the Wakefield company was victorious.

There were many rifle matches other than the Regimental competition that were won by the splendid shots of Company A, a complete record of which will be found in this chapter.



1901 State Trophy

Capture of a French Battery by 52nd Regt.
at Waterloo

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REGIMENTAL COMPETITION OCTOBER 14, 1901

The Regimental Match was held at Lexington on October 14, 1901. Company A won with a record breaking score.

The conditions called for teams of 15 men firing 15 shots at 200 yards.

Company A made a fine total of 975 beating the best previous score made by Company G 5th Regt. Inf., of Woburn by five points.

Company C of Lowell was second score 945 and Company I of Concord third, score 862.

The score:

Pvt. G. W. Reid.....	69
Bug. S. Bourgeois	68
Lt. J. H. McMahon	67
Pvt. G. W. Chesley	66
Pvt. G. M. Jefts	66
Corp. W. G. Hunt	66
Capt. F. E. Gray	65
Corp. R. A. Merrill	65
Pvt. J. J. Cronin	65
Lt. E. E. Morrison	65
Sgt. J. H. Keough.....	64
Pvt. R. E. Gibson	63
Pvt. C. A. Coombs	63
Sgt. W. I. Sweetser.....	62
Corp. M. Dingle	61

Team total	975
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Pvt. George W. Reid was high man in the entire regiment and was awarded first prize. Bugler Samuel Bourgeois won third prize.

The company was awarded the State Prize which was an engraving entitled "Capture of a French Battery by the 52nd Regt. at Waterloo.

The Sixth Regiment team won the "Tri Color" in the State Shoot, nine out of fifteen of the team being Company A men as follows: Q. M. Sgt. Keough, Lt. E. E. Morrison, Lt. J. H. McMahon and Pvts. R. E. Gibson, G. W. Reid, W. R. Murphy, G. M. Jefts, Chester Combs and G. W. Chesley.

Cups were won by Lt. Morrison and Pvt. Murphy and medals by Lt. Morrison, Pvts. Murphy, Coombs and Jefts.

REGIMENTAL COMPETITION, SEPTEMBER 22, 1902

Company again kept their record of consecutive records intact by winning the Regimental shoot at Walnut Hill, on September 22, 1902.

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Conditions called for teams of fifteen men to shoot ten shots for record at 200 yards. Company A's score was 645 defeating Company C of Lowell by 36 points.

The score:

Pvt. W. R. Murphy	49
Bug. G. W. Chesley	47
Corp. W. G. Hunt	46
Pvt. G. W. Reid	46
Sgt. J. H. Keough	45
Pvt. R. E. Gibson	45
Pvt. G. M. Jefts	43
Pvt. S. Bourgeois	43
Pvt. B. C. Dean	42
Pvt. C. A. Coombs	41
Sgt. W. I. Sweetser	41
Capt. J. H. McMahon	40
Corp. M. Dingle	39
Pvt. J. J. Cronin	39
Lt. A. R. Sedgley	39
Team total	645



1902 State Trophy
"La Patriere"
 1st Prize Regt. Competition
 Won by Company A

Pvt. William R. Murphy was high man in the regiment making the remarkable score of 49 out of a possible 50 points.

For their prize Company A was presented with an engraving entitled "La Patriere".

Q. M. Sgt. and Pvt. G. M. Jefts won places on the State Team this year.

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REGIMENTAL MATCH, SEPTEMBER 21, 1903

The rifle team of the Richardson Light Guard demonstrated their superiority as military marksmen by winning for the fourteenth consecutive time the state trophy at the regimental shoot of the Sixth Infantry, held at Walnut Hill.

The conditions called for ten men, 10 shots at 200 yards. Captain John H. McMahon led his team to victory with the fine score of 45 out of a possible 50, and Pvt. George W. Reid won a regimental medal.



1903 State Trophy
Combat Sur Une Voie Ferree

Below are the members of the team and scores:

Capt. John H. McMahon	45
Pvt. George W. Reid	44
O. M. Sgt. James H. Keough	44
Pvt. Robert Gibson	43
Bugler George W. Chesley	42
Pvt. Samuel Bourgeois	42
Pvt. Joshua D. Upton	41
Lt. Alton R. Sedgley	41
Corp. J. J. Cronin	41
Sgt. Walter G. Hunt	40
Total score	423

The state prize won by Company A was an engraving "Combat sur une Voie Ferree".

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THE STATE GENERAL COMPETITION, 1903

At Walnut Hill range on October 1st the team of the Sixth Infantry won the tri color, the emblem of supremacy among the foot troops of the M. V. M. by a record breaking score.

Company A was well represented by having seven members on the team. The order called for teams of fifteen men and conditions were ten shots each at 500 and 600 yards.

The representatives of Company A and their scores were as follows:

Q. M. Sergt. James H. Keough, 92; Corp. J. J. Cronin, 90; Pvt. Joshua D. Upton, 87; Bugler George H. Chesley, 84; Pvt. George W. Reid, 85; Pvt. Robert E. Gibson, 82 and Sergt. Walter G. Hunt, 78.

Q. M. Sgt. Keough was the second highest in the competition and Corp. J. J. Cronin won the decoration of a Distinguished Marksman. Sergt. Keough and Corp. Cronin won places on the State Team.

The following men of Company A shot on the State Team at Sea Girt, N. J., this year. Q. M. Sgt. Keough, Bug. Chesley, Pvs. Reid and Upton.



1904 State Trophy
Won by Company A
"Battle of Concord"

REGIMENTAL MATCH, SEPTEMBER 19, 1904

The annual competition of the Sixth Regiment Infantry was held for the first year at the Bay State Military Rifle Association range commonly known as the Wakefield Range.

Twelve teams reported for the contest which was won by Company A, Richardson Light Guard for the fifteenth consecutive time.

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Conditions called for ten shots, 200 yards for ten men. Company A's score was 417. The nearest competitor being Company B of Fitchburg with a score of 385.

This year's match was of more than usual interest owing to the fact that the troops used the U. S. Magazine Rifle Cal. .30. It is also the same rifle that is in use today and commonly called the Springfield rifle.

Below are the scores of Company A, the victors.

Pvt. George W. Reid	44
Pvt. Samuel Bourgeois	44
Pvt. R. E. Gibson	43
Q. M. Sgt. James H. Keough	43
1st Sgt. E. J. Connelly	42
Sgt. B. C. Dean	41
Bugler G. W. Chesley	41
Sgt. W. G. Hunt	41
Lt. A. R. Sedgley	39
Capt. J. H. McMahon	39

Total score	417
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Company A received as State Prize a beautiful engraving entitled, "The Battle of Concord."

THE STATE GENERAL COMPETITION, 1904

The State General Rifle competition this year was held at the Bay State Military Rifle Range on Oct. 1st.

The Sixth Regiment was victorious and Company A was represented by five members.

Conditions called for teams for fifteen members firing two shots each at 500 and 600 yards.

The following men represented Company A on the Sixth Regiment team.

Q. M. Sergt. James H. Keough, 82; Bugler George W. Chesley, 81; Pvt. Samuel Bourgeois, 80; Pvt. George W. Reid, 80; and Cpl. J. J. Cronin, 74.

The Company was represented at the National Matches by Q. M. Sgt. Keough, Corp. Cronin, Bug. Chesley, Pvt. Bourgeois and Pvt. Reid.

REGIMENTAL MATCH, SEPTEMBER 25, 1905

Again for the sixteenth consecutive time the Richardson Light Guard won the State Prize at the annual competition of the Sixth Regiment Infantry.

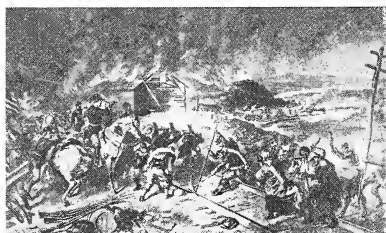
Conditions were changed this year. The teams were composed of ten men shooting five shots each at 200, 300 and 500 yards, one sighting shot allowed at each range.

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Company A put up a fine score of 607, second and third places going respectively to Company C of Lowell with a score of 577 and Company I of Concord, score 529.

Below are a list of the team and their scores:

	200 yds	300 yds	500 yds	Total
O. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	21	20	25	66
Pvt. G. W. Chesley	21	21	23	65
Pvt. R. E. Barstow	21	20	23	64
Pvt. S. Bourgeois	21	19	21	61
Capt. J. H. McMahon	20	18	22	60
Sgt. W. G. Hunt	22	19	19	60
Pvt. R. M. Gibson	21	19	19	59
Pvt. G. W. Reid	23	20	16	59
Sgt. E. J. Connelly	17	18	23	58
Sgt. B. C. Dean	18	20	17	55
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1905 State Trophy
Sherman's March to the Sea

The first prize was an engraving, "Sherman's March to the Sea."

O. M. Sgt. Keough and Pvt. Chesley were members of the State Team at the National Matches.

REGIMENTAL COMPETITION, 1906

For the first time in seventeen years Company A was forced to relinquish the State prize in the Regimental Competition, held at the Wakefield Range.

Company H of Stoneham won first place with a score of 633 defeating Company A by one point.

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Conditions called for teams of ten men to shoot one sighting and five shots for record at 200, 300 and 500 yards.

The score:

Pvt. J. D. Upton	68
Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	67
Pvt. J. J. Cronin	65
Sgt. F. H. Rogers	65
Pvt. R. E. Gibson	64
Pvt. George Durward	63
Pvt. R. E. Barstow	63
Capt. J. H. McMahon	60
Pvt. B. C. Dean	59
Sgt. E. J. Connelly	58

Team total	632
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Pvt. Joshua D. Upton was high man in the regiment and was awarded the National Rifle Association Medal. Q. M. Sgt. James H. Keough won third prize.

This year the Tri Color was again won by the Sixth Regiment. Sgt. Keough of Company A was a member of the team.

Sgt. Keough also shot on the State Team in the National Matches.

REGIMENTAL MATCH, SEPTEMBER 30, 1907

Having tasted defeat by Company H, of Stoneham last year in the Sixth Regiment competition and incidentally after sixteen consecutive wins, the members of Company A rifle team resolved to again head the regiment. Their efforts were rewarded in full, for they not only won the match but made the record score 645 which stood until 1911 when broken again by themselves.

That the team was enabled to roll up such a grand total was due in a great measure to the splendid ammunition which was used. This was hand loaded by Q. M. Sgt. James H. Keough and was noted for its accuracy.

Below are the men and scores of Company A:

	200 yds	300 yds	500 yds	Total
Art. H. H. Foster	21	23	23	67
Lt. E. J. Connelly	22	23	22	67
Corp. J. T. Barton	20	21	25	66
Capt. J. H. McMahon	21	20	24	65
Pvt. G. W. Reid	21	21	23	65
Sgt. F. H. Rogers	21	19	24	64
Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	20	22	22	64
Pvt. J. D. Upton	20	20	23	63
Pvt. J. J. Cronin	21	20	21	62
Pvt. R. E. Gibson	21	22	19	62

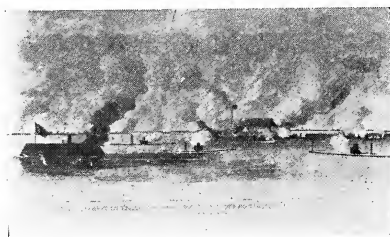
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The trophy this year was an engraving entitled, "Attack on Ft. Sumpter by Admiral Dupont, April 7, 1863."

The Tri-color was won again by the Sixth Regiment, Company A being represented on the team by Q. M. Sgt. Keough and Pvt. Upton.

Pvt. Upton represented the company at the National Matches.



1907 State Trophy
Attack of Ironclads by Admiral Dupont
on Fort Sumter, 1863

INDOOR MATCH COMPANY A, 6TH REGT. VS COMPANY M, 5TH REGT. OF HUDSON, MASS.

1907

A series of indoor matches were arranged with Company M, 5th Regiment of Hudson, Mass., under the following conditions: Teams to consist of fifteen men, each man to fire one sighting shot and ten record shots on the one quarter inch German ring target, at a distance of sixty feet. There were three matches, one off hand, one sitting and one prone. Company A used 22 caliber Winchester single shot rifles with ordinary open sporting sights and Company M used a 22 caliber Winchester with the U. S. Magazine Rifle model of 1898 open sight. The targets were exchanged by mail.

The results were as follows:

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Offhand stage, April 18, 1907	
Company A, 6th Regt.	score 3405
Company M, 5th Regt.	score 3207
Sitting stage, April 25, 1907	
Company A, 6th Regt.	score 3509
Company M, 5th Regt.	score 3332
Prone Stage, May 2, 1907	
Company A, 6th Regt.	score 3529
Company M, 5th Regt.	score 3346

Company A won the series by a total score of 10441 to Company M's score of 9885.

The scores of the five highest men were as follows:

Q. M. Sergt. James H. Keough	719
Pvt. John T. Barton	714
Sgt. Edgar B. Hawkes	706
Sgt. Fred H. Rogers	704
Corp. Harold H. Foster	701

COMPANY TEAM MATCH NO. 1

NEW ENGLAND MILITARY RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Two teams from Company A were entered in the Company Team Match No. 1 at the Wakefield range on July 23, 1907.

The conditions called for teams of five men, each man to fire two sighting shots and seven shots for record at 200 and 500 yards.

The first team finished third and the second team in sixth place. There were twenty-two teams entered in this match.

Company A, First Team

Pvt. J. J. Cronin	64
Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	62
Pvt. G. W. Reid	60
Capt. J. H. McMahon	60
Pvt. R. E. Gibson	58

Total score 304

Company A, Second Team

Sgt. F. H. Rogers	64
Sgt. W. G. Hunt	62
Corp. J. T. Barton	61
Lt. E. J. Connelly	56
Art. H. H. Foster	56

Total score 299

FIRST CORPS OF CADETS MATCH

Company A entered two teams in the First Corps of Cadets match at the meeting of the New England Military Rifle Association. This match was held at the Bay State Military Association.

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tion Range at Wakefield, Tuesday, July 28, 1908. The first team of Company A won the match with a splendid score of 316 gaining their first leg on this splendid trophy which now is carefully guarded in our Armory.

Conditions for this match called for teams of five men to fire seven shots each at 200 and 500 yards.

In order to obtain permanent ownership of the trophy it must be won three times.

The first team score is as follows:

	200 yds	500 yds	Total
Pvt. George W. Reid	31	34	65
O. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	34	31	65
Pvt. J. J. Cronin	32	33	65
Corp. J. T. Barton	29	34	63
Pvt. J. D. Upton	30	28	58

Total score		316
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O. M. Sgt. James H. Keough won the second cup in the En-listed Men's match during this shoot.

Every member of the above winning team received a silver medal.

INDOOR SHOOTING DURING THE WINTER OF 1907-1908

Realizing the value of indoor practice Company A arranged several indoor matches.

The first match was between Camp 39, U. S. W. V. of this town. The company team was composed of men who had joined since the Spanish War. Teams consisted of ten men, each man to fire ten shots at three positions, offhand, sitting and prone, on the one quarter inch ring German ring target, at a distance of twenty-five yards.

After a spirited match Company A was declared the winner, but not before they knew they had a worthy competitor. The scores were as follows:

Company A		Camp 39	
Offhand	2198	Offhand	2181
Sitting	2326	Sitting	2227
Prone	2259	Prone	2278
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The next event was a series of two matches between the Myles Standish Rifle Club of Portland, Maine, and Company A. The distance twenty yards, Creedmore target, twenty shots per man.

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Company suffered defeat in these two matches by very small margins. The scores:

Company A	881	Myles	Standish	Club	906
Company A	888	Myles	Standish	Club	911

The match between the Providence Revolver Club of Providence, R. I., came next and the Company entered two teams in this match. The conditions called for teams of six men, each man to fire ten shots offhand, sitting and prone at the German ring target at a distance of twenty-five yards. The score:

	Company A 1st team	Company A 2nd team	Providence Revolver Club
Offhand	1359	1394	1313
Sitting	1407	1420	1402
Prone	1425	1435	1409
	<hr/> 4191	<hr/> 4249	<hr/> 1124

This match as shown by the above scores was won by the second team of Company A.

THE REGIMENTAL COMPETITION, 1908

The annual rifle competition of the Sixth Regiment was held at the Bay State Military Rifle Range at Wakefield on September 28, 1908.

The conditions called for one sighting shot and five shots for record at 200, 300 and 500 yards. The United States Magazine Rifle Model of 1903 was used.

The match was won by Company K of Lowell with a score of 644. Company A was fourth with a score of 633.

The score:

Lieut. E. J. Connelly.....	69
Capt. J. H. McMahon	68
Pvt. J. D. Upton	67
Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	65
Corp. J. T. Barton.....	65
Sgt. Fred H. Rogers	64
Bugler J. M. Widell	63
Pvt. W. I. Sweetser	62
Sgt. Walter G. Hunt	58
Cook Harold H. Foster	52
Total score	<hr/> 633

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Capt. McMahon, Lt. Connelly, Sergts. Keough and Rogers. Corp. Barton and Pvt. Upton won places on the "Regimental Thirty" for this year. Company A was unfortunate in losing Pvts. Cronin, Gibson and Reid on the Eligibility rule which stipulated duty at camp, and Sergt. Hawkes who was suddenly called away on business.

This was the second time since the inauguration of the Regimental Competition that Company A failed to win the State prize.

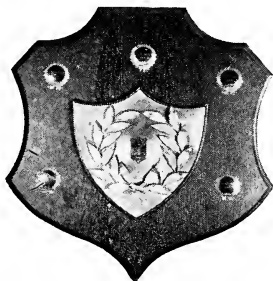
In this match Lt. E. J. Connelly won the officers' prize, a cup. The other prizes were awarded to enlisted men only.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

INDOOR RIFLE MATCH, NATIONAL SPORTSMAN'S SHOW HELD IN BOSTON, JANUARY 1909

Company A sent two teams to compete with the best in New England and both teams finished on top. By winning this match the Second Team of Company A became the Indoor Rifle Champions of New England.

The conditions called for teams of five men each, to shoot ten shots with the 22 cal. rifle at a distance of 75 feet. The German ring target was used.



1909 N. E. Indoor Champions
Won by Co. A, Second Team,
Sportsman's Show,
Mechanics Bldg., January, 1909

The scores of both teams:

Company A Second Team

Sgt. Fred H. Rogers	234
Corp. J. T. Barton	234
Lt. E. J. Connelly	229
Mus. J. M. Widell	227
Pvt. J. D. Upton	226
Total score	1150

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Company A First Team	
O. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	234
Pvt. G. W. Reid	230
Cook H. H. Foster	226
Capt. J. H. McMahon	223
Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	219
Total score	1132

The Wakefield High School Cadets won third place in the School Boy Team Match and Sgt. E. B. Hawkes won fourth place in the Military re-entry match and secured a silver cup.

The Company was presented with shield for winning this match.

FIRST CORPS OF CADETS MATCH 1909

The rifle team representing Company A won for the second time the First Corps of Cadets Match which was held during the meeting of the New England Military Rifle Association at the Bay State Rifle Range, Wakefield, on Wednesday, July 28, 1909.

The conditions were the same as in 1908, teams of five men each to fire seven shots each at 200 and 500 yds.

The score:

	200 yds	500 yds	Total
O. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	32	35	67
Capt. J. H. McMahon	30	35	65
Pvt. G. W. Reid	31	34	65
Lt. E. J. Connelly	29	34	63
Pvt. J. D. Upton	28	32	60
Total score			320

This win gave Company A two wins on the trophy and one more win needed to obtain permanent possession. This feat they accomplished but not until 1913 at which time they won the match again under different conditions by a record score.

REGIMENTAL COMPETITION, 1909

The regimental competition for 1909 was held at Wakefield Range.

The conditions were the same as the previous year, ten men teams, each man shooting one sighting and five shots for record at 200, 300 and 500 yards.

The match was awarded to Company C of Lowell above the protest of Company A. The coach of the Wakefield team noticed that the scorer for Company C put down a 4 in place of a 2 and a

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5 in place of a 3. Of course this should be mostly the fault of the supervising officers in not catching the correct value of the hit. Company A was positive that an error had occurred that both of the targets were taken from the frames and shot for shot figured up. The result was a score of 639 for Company A and 635 for Company C. However the Chief Range officer ruled against Company A and gave the Match to Company C.

Company A was awarded second place but the feeling was so tense they refused to accept it.

The score:

Sgt. J. H. Keough	68
Sgt. F. H. Rogers	68
Sgt. W. G. Hunt	67
Lt. E. J. Connelly	66
Pvt. G. W. Reid	65
Corp. Harry Godfrey	64
Capt. J. H. McMahon	64
Corp. P. W. Mortimer	62
Pvt. W. I. Sweetser	60
Corp. H. H. Foster	55
Team total	639

Sgt. Keough and Rogers were tied for high man in the Regiment but Sgt. Keough's score outranked the total of Sgt. Rogers.

The following men had the honor of being on the "Regimental Thirty":

Sgts. Keough, Rogers and Hunt, Corp. Godfrey, Capt. McMahon, Lt. Connelly and Pvt. Reid.

Pvt. J. D. Upton shot on the State Team at the National matches.

REGIMENTAL RIFLE COMPETITION, 1910

The annual rifle competition of the Sixth Regiment Infantry was held on Monday, Sept. 26, 1910, on the range of the Bay State Military Rifle Association at Wakefield.

The conditions were teams of ten men, each man to fire one sighting shot and five shots for record at 200, 300 and 500 yards. Service rifle and any ammunition. The weather conditions were perfect.

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The match was won by Company C of Lowell with the fine score of 645 points equalling the score of Company A in 1907 which was the record to date. Company A was a close second and third place was won by Company H of Stoneham.



Co. A Rifle Team, 1910

First Row, left to right: Pvt. E. J. Muse, Cpl. J. T. Murray, Cpl. E. E. Hickey; Middle Row, left to right: Sgt. E. B. Hawkes, 1st Lt. E. J. Connelly, Capt. J. H. McMahon, 2nd Lt. F. H. Rogers, Pvt. H. H. Foster; Upper Row, left to right: Sgt. Paul W. Mortimer, Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough, Pvt. G. W. Reid, Cpl. W. I. Sweetser

The score:

Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	70
Pvt. W. I. Sweetser	69
Pvt. E. J. Muse	66
Lieut. E. J. Connelly	66
Lieut. F. H. Rogers	64
Pvt. G. W. Reid	64
Cook H. H. Foster	63
Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	63
Capt. J. H. McMahon	59
Corp. P. W. Mortimer	54
Total score	638

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Sgt. J. H. Keough won the medal given by the National Rifle Association also first in aggregate for enlisted men, and Pvt. Walter I. Sweetser was second.

Pvt. Edward J. Muse won second place for enlisted men who had never won a state or regimental prize.

Sgt. Keough won first prize in the Pistol match for Non-Commissioned Officers.



1910 Cup—Second Prize
Regimental Competition

The following members of the Company won places on the Regimental Thirty: Sgt. Keough, Pvt. W. I. Sweetser, Lt. E. J. Connelly, Pvt. E. J. Muse, Lt. F. H. Rogers and Pvt. G. W. Reid.

Company A was awarded the second prize, a large bronze cup.

Tri Color was won by the Sixth Regt. Company A had three representatives on this team: Lt. Connelly, Sgt. Keough and Pvt. Reid.

Sgt. Keough and Pvt. Reid shot on the State Team in the National Matches.

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FIRST CORPS OF CADETS MATCH, 1911

The company entered a team in the First Corps of Cadets Match at the meeting of the New England Military Rifle Association held on the Bay State Range, July 4, 1911.

The conditions called for one sighting shot and ten shots for record at 200 and 600 yards. Company A team finished second in the match, first place going to a team from the First New Hampshire Regiment.

The match was shot under extreme weather conditions, the sun shining out of a cloudless sky and the temperature was 115 degrees F. on the Firing Line.

Company A score:

	200 yds	600 yds	Total
Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	44	45	89
Pvt. G. W. Reid	44	45	89
Corp. E. E. Hickey	39	44	83
Lieut. E. J. Connelly	39	42	81
Corp. J. T. Murray	38	41	79
Total score			421

The members of the team were presented with bronze medals.

REGIMENTAL RIFLE COMPETITION, 1911

The annual rifle competition of the Sixth Regiment was held on Monday, October 2, 1911, on the range of the Bay State Military Rifle Association at Wakefield.

The conditions were as follows: Teams to consist of ten firing members, one sighting shot and five shots for record at 200, 500 and 600 yards. U. S. Magazine Rifle and any ammunition were used. This was the first time that the 600 yard range was used being substituted for the 300 yd. range.

The weather conditions were not conducive to good scores at 200 yards, there being a chilly wind and the sky was overcast with dark clouds, but as the match progressed the conditions greatly improved and at the 600 yard stage they were nearly ideal.

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The match was won by Company A with the fine total of 649 points, which was also a new range record.

The scores:

Lieut. F. H. Rogers	69
Pvt. G. W. Reid	69
Lieut. E. J. Connelly	68
Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	67
Pvt. E. J. Muse	67
Corp. J. T. Murray	65
Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	63
Corp. E. E. Hickey	63
Capt. J. H. McMahon	63
Cook H. H. Foster	55
Total score	649

Company K of Lowell won second place with a score of 623 and Company C of Lowell was third, their score being 612.

Lieut. F. H. Rogers won the National Rifle Association medal and the special prize for officers. Pvt. G. W. Reid won the first prize for enlisted men and Sgt. E. B. Hawkes won sixth prize in the same class.

Company A also had the honor of placing eight out of ten men on the Regimental Thirty: Lieuts. Connelly and Rogers, Sgts. Keough and Hawkes, Corps. Murray and Hickey and Privts. Muse and Reid.

Company A was awarded an engraving entitled "All That Was Left of Them—Left of 600."



1911 State Trophy

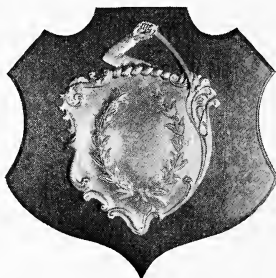
All That Was Left of Them—Left of 600

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STATE COMPETITION, 1911

The Sixth Regiment again won the Tri Color at the State Competition. Company A was represented by Lt. Connelly, Sgt. Keough, and Pvt. Reid. Gold medals and also Distinguished Marksman's Badges were won by Lt. Connelly and Pvt. Reid and Sgt. Keough won a cup. In moving to the 1000 yd. range the Sixth Regiment was sixteen points behind the 5th Regt. Owing to conditions the match was not completed until the following morning. Due to the good shooting of the Company A members the Sixth Regiment tied the 5th Regt. with a total score of 2090, but by having the largest score at the 1000 yd range they outranked the 5th and were awarded the Tri Color.

Sgt. Keough and Reid were members of the State Team at the National Matches.



1911 State Trophy
Outdoor Champions. Record Score

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM MATCH, 1911

Although Company A broke the existing record in the Regimental Competition held on October 2nd of this year they seemed to possess new life in the match for the winning companies of the different regiments held on October 12, 1911. Perhaps if we were to secure all previous records of rifle matches and carefully scan them we would not find such a remarkable exhibition of marksmanship in the entire United States or even in the world. To pick a team of ten men from a militia company and anticipate such a score would be unbelievable.

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The conditions were the same as the match shot on October 2nd, teams of ten members, each man shooting one sighting shot and five shots for record at 200, 500 and 600 yds. The weather conditions were excellent, the light being good and the wind steady.



Co. A State Rifle Champions, 1911

Upper Row, left to right: Pvt. Edward J. Muse, Cpl. John T. Murray, Q. M. Sgt. James H. Keough, 1st Sgt. Edgar B. Hawkes, Pvt. George W. Reid, Cook Harold H. Foster; Centre Row, left to right: Cpl. Edward E. Hickey, 1st Lt. Edward J. Connelly, Capt. John H. McMahon, 2nd Lt. Fred H. Rogers, Cpl. Walter I. Sweetser; Lower Row, Pvt. Thomas W. Walsh, sub., Pvt. Richard M. Dwyer, sub.

Note: Richard M. Dwyer, a Lieutenant, was killed in action in France during the World War.

At the close of the 200 yard stage Company A led the field with a total of 212 being 21 points ahead of its nearest competitor. Co. B 2nd Regt. The team shot a fine total at 500 yards and the total after that stage stood Co. A. 447, Company B 414. It was evident that with good shooting at 600 yards the match was

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won by Company A and it only required a total of 202 points at that range to equal our record at the Regimental Shoot.

By very even and brilliant shooting at 600 yards Company A made a total of 226 and won the 1911 Championship Company Team Match with the magnificent total of 673 or 67.3 average per man.

The score:

	200	500	600	Total
Pvt. G. W. Reid	23	24	25	72
Lieut. E. J. Connelly	24	25	21	70
Capt. J. H. McMahon	22	25	22	69
Lieut. F. H. Rogers	23	22	23	68
Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	21	23	23	67
Pvt. E. J. Muse	22	23	22	67
Corp. E. E. Hickey	17	25	24	66
Corp. J. T. Murray	19	24	22	65
Corp. W. I. Sweetser	21	22	22	65
Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	20	22	22	64
	<u>212</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>673</u>

Company B, 2nd Regt. Infantry finished second with a score of 626 and Company H, 8th Regt. Infantry third, their score being 618.

The excellent scores of the team in this match and in the Regimental match of Oct. 2 were due in a large part to the coaching of the team captain, Lieut. E. J. Connelly.



**1912 Preliminary Gallery
Competition, 6th Regt.
Won by Company A**

HISTORY OF RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD

On the evening of March 14, 1912 the annual indoor match of the Sixth Regiment was held. The conditions called for every enlisted man to fire one sighting shot and five shots for record on the M. V. M. gallery target. The distance was seventy-five yards, 22 cal. rifles. The best forty scores to count. The Company won the match with a very good score and was awarded a silver cup.

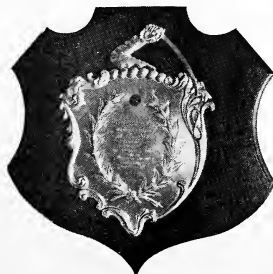
The first forty men and their scores:

Corp. Sweetser	24	Sgt. Findlay	20
Corp. Hickey	24	Pvt. Logan	19
Sgt. A. D. Baxter	24	Pvt. Shannahan	19
Pvt. Muse	23	Pvt. Dwyer	19
Pvt. J. H. O'Neill	23	Pvt. Shea	19
Sgt. Hawkes	23	Pvt. Lane	18
Pvt. Martin	23	Sgt. Farnham	18
Q. M. Sgt. Keough	23	Art. Sullivan	18
Corp. Murray	23	Corp. Evans	18
Pvt. T. W. Walsh	22	Pvt. Fowler	17
Pvt. Santos	22	Sgt. Stark	17
Cook Foster	21	Pvt. Oliver	16
Pvt. Burns	21	Cook Hubbard	16
Pvt. Currier	21	Pvt. Wrenn	16
Pvt. Stevens	21	Pvt. Morse	16
Mus. W. E. Findlay	20	Pvt. Eames	15
Pvt. Downes	20	Pvt. LeGoff	15
Pvt. Roach	20	Pvt. Findlay	11
Pvt. Glynn	20	Corp. Qualters	11
Pvt. Paon	20	Pvt. Stone	6

Total score 763 points

This win entitled the company to participate in the shoot off for winning companies in the various regiments.

The officers were not allowed to shoot in this match.



1912 State Trophy
Indoor Championship.
Co. A, 6th Inf., N. G.

HISTORY OF RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD

On April 1, 1912 the company again was called upon to defend their title as indoor champions of the State. The conditions were the same as the match shot on March 14th, namely one sighting shot and five shots for record with the 22 cal. rifle distance 75 feet.

Company A not only bettered their previous record but defeated all competitors by rolling up a fine total of 788 points.

The men representing Company A and their scores were as follows:

Sgt. Keough	24	Pvt. Santos	20
Pvt. Burns	23	Corp. Sweetser	20
Pvt. Currier	23	Mus. J. W. Findlay	19
Corp. Hickey	22	Cook Foster	19
Cook Hubbard	22	Pvt. Wrenn	19
Sgt. Farnham	22	Pvt. Phelan	19
Mus. W. E. Findlay	22	Pvt. Walsh	19
Pvt. Muse	22	Pvt. Stevens	19
Sgt. J. Findlay, Jr.	21	Pvt. Wood	19
Corp. Murray	21	Corp. Evans	19
Pvt. Fowler	21	Sgt. Stark	19
Art. Sullivan	21	Pvt. Eames	19
Pvt. Roach	21	Corp. Creedon	18
Pvt. Martin	21	Pvt. Morse	16
Pvt. Hannaford	21	Pvt. Glynn	16
Pvt. Dwyer	21	Pvt. J. C. O'Neill	16
Pvt. Paon	21	Pvt. LeGoff	16
Pvt. O'Neill	21	Pvt. P. W. Findlay	16
Sgt. Baxter	20	Pvt. Mayers	15
Pvt. Oliver	20	Pvt. Logan	15
Total score		788 points	

For the State Prize Company A was awarded an oak shield with a silver plate.

The officers were also barred from shooting in this match.

FIRST CORPS OF CADETS MATCH, 1912

As in past years Company A entered a team in the First Corps of Cadets Match held at the meeting of the New England Military Rifle Association, on August 22, 1912.

The conditions were as in previous years, teams of five men each member to shoot two sighting shots and ten shots for record at 200 and 600 yards.

Company A team finished in third position with a score of 428, each member of the team being presented with a suitable bronze medal.

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Company C of the First Corps won the match with a score of 434, outranking Company E of the 5th Regt., who put up the same total.

The men representing Co. A and their scores:

	200	600	Total
Q. M. Sgt. James H. Keough	44	48	92
Pvt. Edward J. Muse	43	43	86
Lt. E. J. Connelly	43	41	84
Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	44	40	84
Corp. E. E. Hickey	40	42	82
Team total		428 points	

THE REGIMENTAL COMPETITION, 1912

The annual rifle competition of the Sixth Regiment was held on September 19, 1912 at the Wakefield Range. Conditions were the same as past years, teams of ten men, to shoot one sighting shot and five shots for record at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

The weather conditions were very good and Company A won the match, the nearest company being forty points behind.

The score:

Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	73
Corp. W. I. Sweetser	69
Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	69
Lieut. E. J. Connelly	66
Capt. J. H. McMahon	65
Lieut. F. H. Rogers	64
Corp. J. T. Murray	63
Corp. E. E. Hickey	62
Pvt. E. J. Muse	60
Cook H. H. Foster	48
Total score	639



**1912 State Trophy
"1815"**

HISTORY OF RICHARDSON LIGHT GUARD

Second prize was won by Company K of Lowell with a score of 599 and third prize by Company H of Stoneham score 594.

Q. M. Sgt. Keough established a record at this shoot by making 73 out of a possible 75. This record was never equalled and as the conditions changed the following year this record still stands.

Corp. Walter I. Sweetser and Sgt. Edgar Brooks Hawkes won second and third prizes for enlisted men with scores of 69 each

Lt. E. J. Connelly in the Class A revolver match won second prize, a cup.

The State Prize was an engraving entitled "1815".

Sgt. Keough was a member of the State Team at the National matches.

WINNING REGIMENTAL TEAM SHOOT, 1912

The annual State Rifle Competition for winning companies was held on October 16, 1912. The conditions were the same as the Regimental Match, teams of ten men each firing one sighting and five record shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

The weather conditions were very disagreeable as a very strong wind was blowing and it was extremely cold.

Company A came in fourth being defeated by the Ninth Company Coast Artillery with a score of 615. Company C First Corps Cadets second, score 612 and Company G, 8th Regt. Infantry third, score 610. Company A score was 609, only six points away from the winning outfit.

The score:

Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	70
Lt. E. J. Connelly	69
Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	64
Corp. J. T. Murray	63
Pvt. E. J. Muse	61
Capt. J. H. McMahon	60
Corp. W. I. Sweetser	60
Lieut. F. H. Rogers	58
Pvt. M. J. Burns	56
Corp. E. E. Hickey	48
Team total	609

REGIMENTAL INDOOR COMPETITION, 1913

The regimental indoor competition was held on both Thursday evening, March 27, 1913, and Monday evening, March 31st, 1913.

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FIRST CORPS OF CADETS MATCH, 1913

In the First Corps of Cadet match held at the Wakefield Range on July 26, 1913, in connection with the New England Military Rifle Association, Company A was victorious and won this trophy which now rests in our armory.

The conditions called for five men shooting two sighting and ten shots for record and 200 and 600 yards. Seven teams competed in this match.

In addition to winning the trophy each member of the team received a silver medal and twenty-five percent of the entrance fees went to the Company.

The score:

	200	600	Total
Sgt. Edgar B. Hawkes	46	49	95
Sgt. James H. Keough	44	48	92
Corp. W. I. Sweetser	40	49	89
Lieut. E. J. Connelly	41	47	88
Lieut. Fred H. Rogers	43	42	85

Team total

449

Sgt. Edgar B. Hawkes was easily high man of the match with a score of 95 out of a possible 100.



Won by Co. A at N. E. Shoot
Bay State Range
First Corps Cadets Match

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The conditions called for two sighting shots and ten for record, offhand and prone positions, on the M. V. M. Gallery Target. In order that any company be eligible for prizes eighty per cent of the enlisted strength had to shoot. Company A was required to have forty-eight men present at this shoot.

The match as usual was won by Company A with a fine total of 3640 points.

The Company won a cash prize of \$20.00.

INTERMEDIATE TEAM MATCH, 1913

This match was open to teams of five men each to shoot two sighting and ten shots for record and 200 and 500 yd. prone. This shoot was also held on July 26, 1913 in conjunction with the New England Military Rifle Association meet.

The team from Company A won the match with a score of 470 out of a possible 500. Co. K, 6th Regt. of Lowell was a close second, just one point behind Company A.

Company A received a handsome bronze trophy and each man received a bronze medal.

The score:

	200	500	Total
Corp. W. I. Sweetser	46	50	96
Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	48	47	95
Corp. M. J. Burns	47	47	94
Sgt. J. T. Murray	48	46	94
Corp. E. E. Hickey	47	44	91
Total score			470



1913 Pfaff Trophy
Intermediate Match. Won by Co. A

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This match was hotly contested throughout, sixteen teams being entered.

On this day the Sixth Regt. Team of which Sergt. J. H. Keough was a member won the Bancroft match. Sergt. Keough was second high man with a score of 92 out of a possible 100.

THE REGIMENTAL COMPETITION, 1913

The annual sixth regiment held its competition on September 22nd, 1913, and Company A was again victorious. The conditions called for teams of ten men, each man to shoot one sighting and five shots for record at 200, 500 and 600 yds.

The weather conditions were very bad, the rain falling so hard at times that it drove the men to cover and held up the shoot.

The score:

Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	67
Lt. E. J. Connelly	66
Sgt. J. T. Murray	66
Lieut. F. H. Rogers	65
Corp. E. E. Hickey	64
Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	64
Corp. W. I. Sweetser	64
Capt. J. H. McMahon	64
Corp. M. J. Burns	63
Pvt. E. J. Muse	62
Team total	645



1st Prize State Trophy Regimental
Competition, 1913

"Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown"

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Although the score was not their highest, Company A as a whole shot on an even average, there being just five points variation between the high and low man.

Company K of Lowell finished second with a score of 634, Company I of Concord third, score 599, and Company H of Stoneham fourth, score 593.

The State Prize was an engraving entitled "Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown".

Sgt. Keough again represented Company A on the State Team at the National Matches.

WINNING REGIMENTAL TEAM SHOOT, 1913

On October 15, 1913, Company A team represented the Sixth Regiment of the Winning Regimental Team shoot.

Company G, 8th Inf. of Gloucester, won the shoot with a total of 645, Company C, 1st Corps of Cadets second, score 638; Company E, 2nd Regt. Inf. of Orange, Mass., third place, score 637 and Co. A fourth, our score being 624.

Conditions were the same as the Regimental Match, teams of ten men firing one sighting and ten record shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards.

The score:

Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	69
Lieut. E. J. Connelly	66
Lieut. F. H. Rogers	65
Corp. E. E. Hickey	64
Sgt. J. T. Murray	64
Pvt. E. R. Eastman	62
Pvt. E. J. Muse	62
Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	60
Capt. J. H. McMahon	59
Cook H. H. Foster	53
Total score	624

CHAPTER TWENTY

ANNUAL INDOOR COMPETITION, 1914

Company again won the indoor competition of the Sixth Regiment. This year the shoot was held on three nights, April 6, 9 and 13.

In order to make it fair to all the companies the regiment was grouped into three classes, in the manner in which they finished at the Regimental Outdoor competition held in the fall of 1913.

In the first group were Companies A, H, K and I.

As stated above Company A again finished first and was awarded a prize of \$40.00. Company H of Stoneham finished second and was presented with \$20.00.

THE REGIMENTAL COMPETITION, 1914

The annual rifle competition of the Sixth Regt. Inf., was held on September 15, 1914 at the Wakefield Range. In order to give the enlisted men more of an opportunity to make the Company teams all commissioned officers were barred. This was a severe blow to Company A but as it was likewise true to most of the companies, as the commissioned officers were numbered among the very best shots of the regiment. The five new men on the team had never before shot in a Regimental match.

The conditions were also changed and the new order called for teams of ten men each member shooting ten shots rapid fire at 200 and 300 yds and five shots at 300, 500 and 600 yds. One sighting shot was allowed at 600 yds. The time given to fire ten shots rapid at 200 yards being one and one-half minutes and 300 in two minutes.

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After a hard match Company A was victorious being pressed very closely by Company H of Stoneham, winners of the second prize.

The score:

	Slow fire			Rapid fire		Total
	300	500	600	200	300	
Pvt. E. R. Eastman	23	24	24	45	42	158
Pvt. C. G. Fish	23	23	25	48	34	153
Sgt. E. E. Hickey	22	25	23	37	44	151
Pvt. W. L. Wenzel	20	23	22	47	39	151
Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	22	19	24	39	46	150
Pvt. B. M. Edgar	20	22	21	42	43	148
Pvt. E. J. Muse	22	22	20	39	42	145
Pvt. J. M. Derby	23	23	20	35	42	143
Sgt. J. T. Murray	19	23	22	44	34	142
Pvt. J. W. Derby	21	23	17	34	33	128

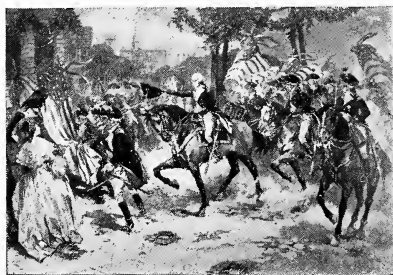
Team total	1469
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Company H of Stoneham was second with a score of 1466, Company K of Lowell third, score 1427, and Company C of Lowell fourth, score 1321.

Lieut. E. J. Connelly won the Officers' match with a splendid score of 163. Capt. J. H. Keough second, with a score of 160.

The State Prize this year was an engraving entitled "Washington's Triumphant Entry into Philadelphia".

Art. Ernest R. Eastman shot on the State Team at the National Matches.



1914 State Trophy
Washington's Triumphant Entry into
Philadelphia

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ANNUAL INDOOR COMPETITION, 1915

Company A won the Annual Indoor Competition with the 22 cal. rifle for the season of 1915. The match was held on March 11th, 18th, 25th and 29th.

The conditions called for ten shots offhand and ten shots prone, no sighting shots, at a distance of seventy-five feet.

Capt. E. J. Connelly won the distinction of being the highest scorer in the State with a remarkable total of 98 out of a possible 100.

The entire company shot and put a total of 5102 or an average of 86.47 points per man. Company H of Stoneham was second with a total of 4767 or an average per man of 82.18.

This was a truly wonderful score when one takes into consideration that every man on the rolls was compelled to shoot. If there were any poor shots in the Company the fine work of the Captain acted as an incentive as the scores below will testify.

Capt. E. J. Connelly	98	Pvt. E. J. Sexton	8.
Lt. E. B. Hawkes	95	Pvt. A. T. Burrage	85
Art. E. R. Eastman	95	Pvt. J. W. Derby	86
Pvt. W. L. Wenzel	95	Corp. J. E. Creedon	86
Pvt. E. J. Muse	94	Pvt. C. H. Doucette	86
Corp. M. J. Burns	94	Pvt. G. W. Stone	85
Pvt. C. E. Creedon	94	Pvt. A. T. Walsh	85
Sgt. J. T. Murray	93	Mus. C. I. Cheever	85
Pvt. S. Muse	92	Pvt. W. D. Whitney	85
Pvt. C. G. Fish	92	Mus. J. W. Findlay	85
Pvt. C. A. Thompson	91	Pvt. A. B. Cayting	85
Sgt. F. G. Evans	91	Cook J. J. Buckley	84
Pvt. S. J. LeFave	91	Pvt. F. J. Hennessey	84
Sgt. A. D. Baxter	91	Pvt. D. C. Creedon	83
Sgt. E. E. Hickey	90	Pvt. M. J. Duff	83
Pvt. J. M. Derby	90	Pvt. O. L. Stone	83
Corp. H. F. Davis	90	Pvt. C. A. Little	82
Pvt. J. A. Doucette	90	Pvt. R. L. Singer	82
Pvt. J. G. Brown	90	Pvt. W. D. Seabury	80
Pvt. J. J. Lee	89	Pvt. J. W. McCullough	79
Cook A. J. Hubbard	89	Pvt. T. E. Cummings	80
Pvt. A. P. McLaughlin	89	Pvt. E. E. Johnson	79
Pvt. W. F. Burns	89	Pvt. T. F. Corcoran	79
Pvt. T. W. Walsh	89	Pvt. T. F. Walsh	79
Corp. P. G. Findlay	88	Pvt. H. W. Griffith	77
Pvt. I. C. Singer	88	Pvt. G. B. Huestis	75
Sorp. P. C. Altieri	88	Sgt. E. J. Stark	75
Pvt. T. J. Quinn	88	Sgt. J. Findlay, Jr.	75
Pvt. H. H. Foster	87	Pvt. H. F. Crozier	74
Pvt. B. M. Edgar	87		

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THE REGIMENTAL COMPETITION, 1915

The annual rifle competition of the Sixth Regt. Inf., was held at the Wakefield Range. Company A won the match with a total score of 1477, bettering last year's score by eight points.

Company I of Concord was second with a total of 1436, Company B of Fitchburg third, total 1386, and Company H of Stoneham fourth, total score, 1360.

It was a pretty race for the first three ranges, namely 300, 500 and 600 yards, between Companies A, I and H, their respective totals for the three ranges being 644, 638 and 636. At the rapid fire stage A company added 833 points to its score, I Company an even 800, while H Company of which better things were expected, scored only 722, which dropped the team to fourth place.

The company's detailed score:

	Slow fire			Rapid fire		Total
	300	500	600	200	300	
Sgt. J. T. Murray	21	22	23	46	46	158
Corp. M. J. Burns	21	25	25	46	41	158
Pvt. J. M. Derby	22	23	22	45	42	154
Pvt. C. G. Fish	19	23	22	47	42	153
Pvt. C. M. Thompson	22	25	22	46	37	152
Pvt. E. J. Muse	21	25	24	46	34	150
Pvt. W. L. Wenzel	21	21	17	48	42	149
Art. E. R. Eastman	20	25	17	46	33	141
Sgt. E. E. Hickey	21	21	21	36	40	139
Pvt. J. A. Doucette	16	21	16	31	39	123
Team total						1477



1915 State Trophy
Henry Hudson Entering New York Bay

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Sgt. J. T. Murray and Corp. M. J. Burns won second and third prizes respectively and Pvt. Joseph M. Derby won a novice cup.

Capt. James H. Keough won the officers' revolver match with a score of 77, and Lieut. E. B. Hawkes of Company A was second, score 72.

Pvt. B. M. Edgar shooting a substitute made a score of 140.

The State Prize this year was an engraving entitled, "Henry Hudson Entering New York Bay."

Pvt. Crowell G. Fish was on the State Team at the National Matches.



Bay State Military Rifle Range, Wakefield, Mass.
200-yard range is at left

ANNUAL INDOOR RIFLE COMPETITION, 1916

The Regimental Indoor Rifle Competition of 1916 was won by Company A with a record breaking score.

The conditions called for ten shots offhand and ten shots prone, no sighting shots, distance 75 feet.

Never in the history of Company had the entire company en-

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tered into a rifle match but when the scores were all in, the Company had made a total of 5702 points out of a possible 6400 or an average of 89.09 points per man. It was not rare in looking over the scores of other companies to find the top score not equal to the average score of Company A so well did all the men shoot.

Company H of Stoneham was next best in the Sixth regiment but their total score was some 400 points behind Company A.

The score:

Lieut. E. B. Hawkes	97	Pvt. J. M. Derby	89
Corp. M. J. Burns	97	Pvt. J. W. McCullough	89
Art. E. R. Eastman	97	Pvt. E. E. Smith	89
Corp. C. A. Thompson	97	Pvt. W. D. Seabury	88
Pvt. C. G. Fish	96	Pvt. A. G. Williams	88
Capt. E. J. Connelly	96	Pvt. J. J. Lee	88
Pvt. H. H. Foster	96	Pvt. R. H. Wright	88
Lieut. F. H. Rogers	95	Pvt. M. N. Harlow	88
Pvt. R. E. Luken	95	Pvt. T. E. Cummings	88
Pvt. W. L. Wenzel	94	Sgt. F. G. Evans	88
Pvt. C. E. Creedon	94	Cook A. J. Hubbard	88
Pvt. E. J. Muse	94	Corp. P. G. Findlay	87
Pvt. C. A. Little	94	Pvt. W. F. Burns	87
Pvt. J. G. Brown	93	Pvt. G. B. Brockbank	87
Sgt. E. E. Hickey	92	Pvt. G. L. Dilloway, Jr.	87
Pvt. H. E. Nelson	92	Pvt. A. T. Walsh	87
Pvt. E. M. Fay	92	Corp. H. F. Davis	86
Pvt. J. H. Beebe	91	Corp. G. W. Stone	86
Pvt. G. D. Sargent	91	Pvt. A. B. Cayting	86
Pvt. T. F. Corcoran	91	Pvt. H. W. Holden	86
Pvt. C. W. Goodridge	91	Corp. T. J. Quinn	86
Pvt. G. B. Huestis	91	Pvt. E. F. Better, Jr.	85
Pvt. E. J. Sexton	91	Pvt. S. C. Gersinovitch	85
Pvt. B. M. Edgar	91	Sgt. J. E. Creedon	85
Pvt. J. A. Doucette	91	Pvt. C. F. Jeffery	84
Pvt. A. P. McLaughlin	91	Pvt. T. F. Walsh	82
Sgt. J. T. Murray	90	Pvt. L. A. Luken	82
Cook J. J. Buckley	90	Pvt. C. H. Doucette	81
Pvt. P. U. Holoway	90	Pvt. D. C. Creedon	81
Pvt. M. J. Duff	89	Pvt. R. L. Singer	80
Pvt. G. A. Burrage	89	Sgt. John Findlay, Jr.	77
Pvt. J. W. Derby	89	Pvt. O. L. Stone	77

On account of the Mexican Border trouble it was decided that all Regimental Competitions, outdoors, for the season of 1916 be abandoned, therefore Company lost another chance to secure the State prize for that year. The rifle team however continued to spend much time at the range and the Company was in splendid shape to vanquish all competitors.

Indoor shooting was taken up as soon as the cold weather came, there being weekly shoots, small prizes being offered in

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each class. The classes consisted of all rifle team men in the Distinguished Expert Class. All other men qualifying in the Expert Class but not members of the Rifle Team were in the Expert Class, the Sharpshooter Class and the Marksman's class.

As the World War broke out early in 1917, in fact Company being called into service on March 29th of that year, all rifle work both indoors and out was suspended.

The next match that this company participated in was in 1920. Although the designation of the Company and the Regiment was changed the rifle shots came to the front and had a very successful year.

Detailed records show you what took place from 1920 until the present time.

MARKSMANSHIP MEDALS

At the annual Fall Field Day, in observance of the anniversary of the Richardson Light Guard, the following medals are competed for by active members of the company:

Carpenter (Best Shot) Medal. Presented by Maj. George O. Carpenter in 1868.

Kingman (Second Prize) Medal. Presented by Capt. Samuel C. Kingman in 1881.

Cheney (Third Prize) Medal. Presented by George H. Cheney in 1888.

Gihon (Long Range) Medal. Presented by Col. Edward J. Gihon in 1901.

Goodale (Marksman's) Medal. Presented by Gen. Greenleaf A. Goodale in 1911.

The winners of these medals since the Fall of 1901, (with the exception of the years 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1920 when no field days were held, including the World War period) have been as follows:

CARPENTER MEDAL

1901 Pvt. R. E. Gibson	1912 Lt. E. J. Connelly
1902 Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	1913 Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough
1903 Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	1914 Pvt. E. J. Muse
1904 Sgt. W. G. Hunt	1915 Art. E. R. Eastman
1905 Pvt. G. W. Reid	1916 Pvt. J. M. Derby
1906 Pvt. J. J. Cronin	1921 Lt. J. H. Beebe, Jr.
1907 Pvt. G. W. Reid	1922 Lt. J. G. Brown
1908 Sgt. J. H. Keough	1923 Bug. Philip Pasqualino
1909 Capt. J. H. McMahon	1924 Capt. T. J. Quinn
1910 Lt. F. H. Rogers	1925 Lt. Carl I. Cheever
1911 Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	

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KINGMAN MEDAL

1901 Bug. Samuel Bourgeois	1912 Capt. J. H. McMahon
1902 Pvt. G. W. Reid	1913 Capt. J. H. McMahon
1903 Corp. J. J. Cronin	1914 Sgt. J. T. Murray
1904 Pvt. E. B. Hawkes	1915 Pvt. J. G. Brown
1905 Pvt. G. W. Chesley	1916 Pvt. J. G. Brown
1906 Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	1921 Pvt. Frank Wengen
1907 Capt. J. H. McMahon	1922 Sgt. Roy E. Luken
1908 Pvt. W. I. Sweetser	1923 Capt. T. J. Quinn
1909 Lt. E. J. Connelly	1924 Sgt. John T. Dingle
1910 Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	1925 Sgt. Frank Wengen
1911 Lt. F. H. Rogers	

CHENEY MEDAL

1901 Pt. G. M. Jefts	1912 Corp. E. E. Hickey
1902 Pt. C. A. Combs	1913 Corp. W. I. Sweetser
1903 Pvt. Samuel Bourgeois	1914 Art. E. R. Eastman
1904 Pvt. R. E. Gibson	1915 Corp. M. J. Burns
1905 Sgt. E. J. Connelly	1916 Corp. C. A. Thompson
1906 Pvt. W. A. Durward	1921 Capt. T. J. Quinn
1907 Lt. E. J. Connelly	1922 Lt. C. I. Cheever
1908 Capt. J. H. McMahon	1923 Sgt. Frank Wengen
1909 Lt. F. H. Rogers	1924 Sgt. Edward J. Meuse
1910 Corp. J. T. Murray	1925 Capt. T. J. Quinn
1911 Corp. J. T. Murray	

GIHON MEDAL

(Long range match for experts)

1901 Lt. E. E. Morrison	1912 Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough, Record, 95
1902 Pt. C. A. Coombs	1913 Capt. J. H. McMahon
1903 Q. M. Sgt. J. H. Keough	1914 Art. E. R. Eastman, Record 96
1904 Pvt. G. W. Reid	1915 Sgt. E. E. Hickey
1905 Sgt. W. G. Hunt	1916 Corp. C. A. Thompson
1906 Pvt. R. E. Gibson	1921 Lt. James G. Brown
1907 Sgt. F. H. Rogers	1922 no competition
1908 Corp. J. T. Barton	1923 no competition
1909 Lt. E. J. Connelly, Record, 94	1924 no competition
1910 Pvt. E. J. Meuse	1925 Capt. T. J. Quinn
1911 Corp. E. E. Hickey	

GOODALE MEDAL (FOR MARKSMAN'S CLASS)

1911 Pvt. John Fowler	1915 Corp. H. F. Davis
1912 Mus. J. W. Findlay	1916 Pvt. E. F. Better, Jr.
1913 Pvt. E. R. Eastman	1921 Cpl. Peter Quinn
1914 Pvt. R. H. McKinnon	1922 Pvt. Charles Smith

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SEA GIRT MATCHES

August 22, 1921

The Massachusetts State Rifle Team on which there were a number of Richardson Light Guard crack shots, attended the Rifle Matches at Sea Girt, N. J. The following members were on the State Rifle Team for 1921: Capt. Thomas J. Quinn, Sgt. Carl I. Cheever, Lt. James G. Brown and Pvts. J. T. Dingle, P. Martin, H. H. Maguire and Roy E. Luken. The 9th Mass. Inf. team which included a number of Co. K shots won the Cruickshank Match at this meet.



1921 Tyro Team Match
Peters Cartridge Co. Trophy,
Won by Co. K, 9th Inf.

Three members, Lt. Brown, Pvts. Maguire and Martin of Company K of Wakefield, were members of the Massachusetts Infantry Team which won the Interstate Briggs Trophy at Sea Girt, Aug. 24, 1921.

The Tyro Company Team Match for trophy presented by Peters Cartridge Company was won by a team from Company K of Wakefield composed of Lt. Brown 46, Pvt. Maguire 46, and Pvt. R. E. Luken 41; team total 133. This match was shot in connection with the Sea Girt matches, August 1921.

Pvt. Herbert H. Maguire of Co. K won second place in the Nevada Match, making a possible at 1200 yards, lacking only two points in the total to win the match.

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COMPANY K WINS FIRST REGIMENTAL SHOOT
SINCE THE WAR

October 27, 1921

Company K of Wakefield won the Regimental Championship of the 9th Mass. Inf. Eighteen teams competed. This was indeed very pleasing to all the followers of the old Richardson Light



A Group of Prizes Won by the R. L. G. After the War

Upper Row, left to right: Relay Race, 1921, won by Co. K, 9th Inf.; 1st Prize, 1921, Regt. Competition 101st Inf., won by Co. K; State Indoor Rifle Competition, 1922, 2nd Prize, won by Co. K, 101st Inf.; Platoon Prize presented by Capt. Quinn, 1921, won by Lt. Beebe's Platoon; Indoor State Rifle Competition, 1923, 3rd Prize, won by Co. K, 101st Inf.; Regt. Competition, 1924, won by Co. E, 182nd Inf.; Regt. Competition, 1923, 2nd Prize, won by Co. E, 182nd Inf.

Guard teams, especially the men who won many a hard fought battle and created records that stand today unsurpassed. The following members composed the team: Capt. Thomas J. Quinn, Lt. James G. Brown. Lt. John H. Beebe, Jr., Sgt. Roy E. Luken, Sgt. William Walsh, Cpl. John T. Dingle, Sgt. Carl I. Cheever, Pvt. Ernest R. Eastman, Pvt. Andrew Riorden and Pvt. Frank Wengen.

The company was awarded the handsome Logan cup.

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On January 17, 1922, the members of the Massachusetts State Rifle Team were presented with appropriate gold medals suspended from red, white and blue ribbons.

COMPANY K, 9TH MASS. WINS THE FIRST CORPS CADET MATCH

On September 23, 1921, the First Corps of Cadet match was won by the Richardson Light Guard. This match was held in conjunction with the United Services of New England meet. The conditions called for teams of six men, each man firing ten shots at 200 and 600 yards. The following members shot on the team: Capt. T. J. Quinn, Lt. J. G. Brown, Sgt. Roy E. Luken, Cpl. John T. Dingle, Pvt. H. H. Maguire and Pvt. Paul M. Martin.

STATE INDOOR COMPETITION, MAY 5, 1922

In the State Championship Indoor Match Company K, 101st of Wakefield won second place. Company F, 101st Engineers of Stoneham won the competition. The company was presented with a silver cup for its prize. In the individual scores 1st prize went to Pvt. Herbert H. Maguire, score 187 out of possible 200. Cpl. Frank Wengen won third prize with score of 184.

Lt. James G. Brown and Pvt. Roy E. Luken won places on the State Team in 1922.

REGIMENTAL COMPETITION 1922

September 23rd

(Records could not be obtained at time of publication of
this book.)

STATE INDOOR COMPETITION 1923

Company E of Wakefield won third prize in the Indoor Competition held by the State. The company was presented with a silver cup suitably inscribed.

Pvt. Edward J. Muse of Company E, 182nd of Wakefield won a place on the Mass. State Team in 1923.

C. OF C. AND N. G. MATCHES

Company E entered teams in the Corps of Cadets Match, also the National Guard Match, both shot on August 26, 1923. The company team finished fourth in the Corps of Cadets Match and third in the National Guard Match. The following men shot on the Corps of Cadets match: Capt. Quinn, Lt. Cheever, Sgt. Wen-

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gen, Cpl. Walsh, Pvt. Muse, Pvt. Reardon, and in the National Guard Match, Lt. Cheever, Sgt. Wengen, Cpl. Walsh, Pvt. Pasqualino, Pvt. Luken, Pvt. Muse and Pvt. Reardon.

REGIMENTAL MATCH

The Regimental Match of the 182nd Inf. was held on Sunday, October 14. Company F of Waltham won first place, score 805, Company E of Wakefield was second with a score of 775. Eleven companies competed in the match.

UNITED SERVICES MATCHES

Wakefield. August, 1924

Sgt. John T. Dingle of Company E was a member of the Mass. Rifle Team which won the trophy in the N. E. Interstate Hayden All American Match.

Company E finished third in the First Corps of Cadet Match on August 25, 1924. Company L of Malden won the match. Sgt. John T. Dingle of Company E made a record score in this match having a total of 98 out of a possible 100 points. Sgt. Dingle made a possible at 200 yards offhand, a remarkable performance. The members of the company who shot on the team were: Capt. Quinn, Lt. Cheever, 1st Sgt. Dingle, Sgt. Dolbeare, Sgt. Wengen and Cpl. John Martin.

REGIMENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Company E again won the Regimental Championship of the 182nd Inf. at the Wakefield Range, October 26, 1924. Seventeen teams competed in this match. Conditions called for teams of ten men firing ten shots at 200 and 300 yards. Company L of Malden finished in second place with a score of 830, Company E's score being 841.

The following men shot on the team of Co. E:

	200	300	Total
Sgt. R. B. Dolbeare	41	49	90
Capt. T. J. Quinn	44	46	90
Sgt. J. T. Dingle	41	48	89
Sgt. F. J. Wengen	42	47	89
Lt. C. I. Cheever	37	46	83
Pvt. A. Dulong	39	43	82
Pvt. Cucurullo	34	46	80
Lt. F. F. Marchetti	36	44	80
Cpl. J. E. Martin	35	44	79
Sgt. E. J. Meuse	36	43	79

Team total
The Company was awarded a silver cup.

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FIRST CORPS OF CADETS MATCH, 1925

The First Corps of Cadets team match at the New England Shoot on August 22 was won by Company E, 182nd Inf. of Wakefield, and the victory carries with it the title of company champions of New England.

Company E's total at 200 and 600 yards was 494, fifteen points ahead of Company L, 182nd Inf. of Malden, which was the winning company in this event last year. Seven teams competed. Lt. Carl I. Cheever was high man of all competitors, making a total of 90 out of a possible 100 at the two ranges.

The members and scores of Company E were as follows:

	200	600	Total
Lt. C. I. Cheever	44	46	90
Sgt. J. T. Dingle	41	45	86
Sgt. E. J. Muse	37	46	83
Sgt. R. B. Dolbeare	39	42	81
Capt. T. J. Quinn	40	40	80
Sgt. F. Wengen	39	35	74

Team total			494
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Sgt. John T. Dingle was also a member of the 182nd team which won the Bancroft Match on the same day.

STATE SHOOT, OCT. 12, 1925

Capt. T. J. Quinn and Lt. C. I. Cheever represented Company E as members of the Regimental team which won the Tri Color at the State Shoot.

REGIMENTAL SHOOT, 1925

On Oct. 13 Company E participated in the annual regimental shoot which took place at the Wakefield Range. The company finished in third place. Seventeen teams competed. The members of the company competing in this match were: Capt. Quinn, Lt. Cheever, Sgts. Dolbeare, Wengen, Dingle and Meuse; Cpls. Tenney and Martin, and Pvts. Robbins and Cucurullo.

On August 1, 1926 the Mass. State Rifle Team was selected at the local rifle range. 1st Lt. Carl I. Cheever of the R. L. G. was selected as a shooting member on the team of twelve officers and men. Lt. Cheever was high man of the Massachusetts state rifle team, representing the M. N. G., in the All-America national team match. He was also a member of the 182nd Inf. team which won the Bancroft Regimental Championship match and again on the 182nd Infantry team which won the National Guard regimental match of Camp Curtis Guild.

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On Sept. 1, 1926, the Mass. State Team left for Sea Girt, N. J., to compete in matches held there. Lt. Cheever shot on the 182nd regimental team, which completed in the Interstate Regimental Team match and which finished second.

The same team in the Champion Regimental Team match finished second. He was a member of the Mass. team competing in the Herrick and Sadler matches which was highest among the National Guard teams competing and for which they were awarded medals, being beaten only by the marine and navy teams.

He was also in the money prizes in the Marine Corps Cup Match. The Mass. team won all National Guard matches except one, bringing much credit to the National Guard of this State.

WINNERS OF DRILL MEDALS

The company has three medals, donated by citizens of the town, many years ago, to be competed for yearly in the manual of arms, and these medals are known under the following titles: 1st prize, donated by Cyrus Wakefield; second prize by Dr. S. O. Richardson; third prize by Hon. Lucius Beebe. Medals were won as follows, from 1902 to 1926, except the years 1917 to 1920, inclusive, when no competitive drills were held:

WAKEFIELD MEDAL

1902	Sgt. J. Fred Ronan	1913	Cpl. E. E. Hickey
1903	Sgt. J. Fred Ronan	1914	Sgt. E. E. Hickey
1904	1st Sgt. E. J. Connelly	1915	Mus. C. I. Cheever
1905	Sgt. Walter G. Hunt	1916	Mus. C. I. Cheever
1906	Sgt. Walter G. Hunt	1921	Sgt. C. I. Cheever
1907	Sgt. Walter G. Hunt	1922	Cpl. Peter A. Quinn
1908	Pvt. Fred B. Gerry	1923	Cpl. Edward J. Meuse
1909	Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	1924	Sgt. Edward J. Meuse
1910	Pvt. W. I. Sweetser	1925	No drill
1911	Sgt. A. D. Baxter	1926	Sgt. John T. Dingle
1912	Sgt. J. Findlay, Jr.		

RICHARDSON MEDAL

1902	Cpl. E. J. Connelly	1913	Pvt. C. I. Cheever
1903	Sgt. Walter I. Sweetser	1914	Cpl. J. E. Creedon
1904	Sgt. Walter G. Hunt	1915	Sgt. J. T. Murray
1905	Pvt. W. Burbine	1916	Sgt. E. E. Hickey
1906	Sgt. Fred H. Rogers	1921	Cpl. Roy H. Wright
1907	Sgt. Fred H. Rogers	1922	Sgt. Roy H. Wright
1908	Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	1923	Pvt. J. T. Dingle
1909	Cpl. J. F. Barton	1924	Cpl. Abbott Feindel
1910	Cpl. P. W. Mortimer	1925	No drill
1911	Cpl. J. T. Murray	1926	Pvt. Ralph Woods
1912	Cpl. W. I. Sweetser		

BEEBE MEDAL

1902	Cpl. Walter G. Hunt	1913	Sgt. E. J. Stark
1903	Cpl. B. C. Dean	1914	Pvt. C. I. Cheever
1904	Sgt. Walter I. Sweetser	1915	Pvt. T. W. Walsh
1905	Sgt. B. C. Dean	1916	Pvt. J. G. Brown
1906	Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	1921	Sgt. Raymond Beane
1907	Sgt. E. B. Hawkes	1922	Cpl. J. T. Dingle
1908	Sgt. E. J. Stark	1923	Sgt. John Lyons
1909	Pvt. E. L. Hunt	1924	Sgt. Richard B. Dolbeare
1910	Pvt. C. I. Cheever	1925	No drill
1911	Sgt. J. Findlay, Jr.	1926	Pvt. Tony Velicke
1912	Sgt. E. J. Stark		

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

REORGANIZATION OF CO. A 6TH MASS. INF.

1919

September 12. On this date Major E. J. Connelly was asked by Col. Sweetser of the old 6th Regt. to reorganize Company A 6th Regt. A meeting was held to make arrangements and representatives were at the Armory, September 14, 15 and 17 to enlist men to make up a unit of 65 total strength. This unit to be entirely separate from Company H. State Guard which was to be soon mustered out. On September 15, 35 recruits had been signed. The enlistment was for one year, drills to begin January, 1920. On September 16th the total enrollment was 45 men. Maj. Connelly had been offered the captaincy and later a majority in the battalion but declined owing to business reasons. Thomas J. Quinn, a former member of Company A, was chosen as captain. Clarence A. Thompson, also a member of Company A during the war, was chosen as 1st Lt. on September 23.

Regimental Headquarters reported that the Richardson Light Guard had the honor of leading all other companies in the regiment for enlistments. The total strength on this date was 41 enlisted men and two officers.

The designation of the Company at this time was Company A, 6th Mass. Provisional Regiment, and continued to be such until a new Company was formed on October 20, 1920, and designated as Company K, 9th Inf. M. N. G. Thomas J. Quinn was commissioned as Captain of the new Company. James G. Brown was commissioned as 1st Lt. on September 9, 1920, and John H. Beebe, Jr., was commissioned as 2nd Lt. on November 26, 1920.

Company K, 9th Inf., was mustered in last evening with a total of 54 present. The men were inspected by Lt. Colonel Hen-



Boulder on the Common

Dedicated November 14, 1920

A Memorial to the Men and Women of Wakefield who served in the World War and in memory of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice

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nigan of the U. S. Army representing the War Department, and Col. Foote representing the State. Col. Foley of the 101st and Major Desmond of this Battalion were also present. Col. Foley gave a very interesting talk to the boys and they were also entertained by Mr. Stanley, who was an overseas veteran and acquainted with the members.



1st Lt. James G. Brown
2nd Lt. Co. A, 126th Inf., 32nd Div.
(World War)
1st Lt. Co. K, 101st Inf., 1919-1920

1920

November 15. Company K took part in the dedication of the Boulder, situated on the common, in memory of the soldiers and sailors of Wakefield who lost their lives in the World War. A large turnout was present from the Richardson Light Guard and a fine showing was made.

December 8. Captain T. J. Quinn was appointed custodian of the State Armory to succeed Col. John H. McMahon.

December 10. The Fine Members Association of the Rich-

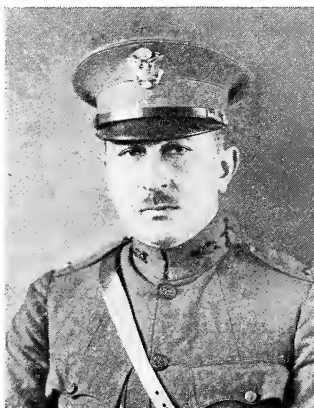
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Richardson Light Guard held a meeting on this evening to make plans for reorganization. A large number were present and officers were elected for the ensuing year.

1921

January 6. The Company received a check for \$100, a gift from Chas. N. Winship who has always been a friend of the Richardson Light Guard.

January 10. Plans were made to raise funds for a trip to Washington to take part in the Inaugural exercises. A Sacred Concert was held later at the Wakefield Theatre at which a considerable sum of money was raised and deposited in the Washington Fund.



2nd Lt. John H. Beebe, Jr.
Co. K, 101st Inf.

January 13. Company K held a flag day sale and raised over \$100 which was deposited in the Company Fund. Small flags were sold to the citizens of the town for the purpose of raising money.



Top: Capt. Thomas J. Quinn, Co. A, 6th Mass. Provisional Regt.,
 Co. K, 9th Regt., Mass. Inf., Co. K, 101st Inf., Co. E, 182nd Inf.
 Left: 1st Lt. Carl I. Cheever, Co. K, 101st Inf., Co. E, 182nd Inf.
 Right: 2nd Lt. Frank F. Marchetti, Co. K, 101st Inf., Co. E,
 182nd Inf.

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January 27. A grand military ball was held on this date, this being the first social affair held by the new Company. The Fine Members Association assisted the Company in receiving guests and in making arrangements. Many prominent military men from Wakefield and out of town were present. A very enjoyable entertainment was furnished by a professional company, after which dancing was enjoyed. The grand military march was led by the officers of the Company, followed by out-of-town military officers and Fine Members Association. The music was furnished by Bowl's Black and White Orchestra. The Armory was beautifully decorated with bunting and streamers.

March 16. Company K assembled for Federal Inspection and the officers were complimented by the inspecting officers for the remarkable progress made since the reorganization.

March 18. The members of the Company participated in the Evacuation Parade at South Boston and that evening took part in the tournament at the East Armory.

April 23. The annual prize drill was held in the Armory and was attended by many of the prominent citizens of the town, together with Fine members and guests. The platoon drill was won by the second platoon under Lt. Beebe. The judges were Col. Foley, Major Agnew and Capt. Fitzgerald, all of the 101st Infantry. After the drill dancing was enjoyed until twelve o'clock. Music was furnished by the Lynn Cadet Orchestra.

May 30. Company K acted as escort to Post 12 G. A. R. at their Memorial Day exercises.

July 9. The Company was ordered to assemble at the Armory to attend the annual tour of camp duty at Camp Devens, Ayer, Massachusetts. This tour was for fourteen days from July 9 to 23.

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The following is the roster of Company K who attended the first camp:

Capt. Thomas J. Quinn
1st Lt. James G. Brown
2d Lt. John H. Beebe, Jr.
1st Sgt. Sylvanus K. Wheeler
Mess Sgt. Roy E. Luken
Supply Sgt. Wm. Walsh

Sergeants

Carl I. Cheever
George P. Fraughton
Frank F. Marchetti
Roy E. Wright

Corporals

Jos. J. Burbine
James J. Chambers
Merrill B. Cotting
John D. Lyons
Walter Melanson
Frank D. Smith
Peter J. Quinn

Privates 1st Class

Harold A. Anderson
Paul W. Bartlett
Vincent R. Bowdoin
Louis A. Doucette
Fred J. Doucette
David F. Ingerton
J. Walter King
Everett H. LeBlanc
Joseph A. Lucy
Edward J. Muse
Stephen McGonagle
John J. O'Leary
Wm. D. Scott
Chas. W. Smith
W. D. Smith
Paul J. Sullivan
Stanley J. Goodwin
Frank J. Goodwin

Bugler Geo. A. Marchetti
Cook Arthur Wyatt
Mech. Edward Bird

Privates

Joseph T. Bird
Harry H. Bird
Albert L. Berry
Joseph J. Connell
Joseph C. Doucette
Thomas J. Dingle
John R. Deveau
Harold A. Doucette
Reuben A. Draper
Foster Dupont
George D. Goodwin
Hilton M. Gerrior
Herbert H. Hanright
Edward Halloran
Frank H. Hackett, Jr.
Philip Haggerty
George Homer
Philip Hall
Robert E. Johnson
Charles T. Kelley
Willard L. Lux
Jeffrey LaFave
Joseph T. Meuse
Harold A. Melanson
Hugo H. Marchetti
John D. Maroney
Frank A. Nelson
Andrew Riorden
Edward Sulo
Robert Spadafora
William T. Sweeney
Howard H. Smith
Wm. J. Sweetman
Wm. J. Tracy
John A. Zanni

Dr. Frederick A. Simonds, a World War Veteran from this town was attached to the regiment as captain of the Medical Corps. As this was the first camp of the newly organized Company much of the time was employed in close order work and great care was given to details as many of the men were serving their first tour. Sports were enjoyed every afternoon and this tour did much to round the Company into good military shape.

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On the rifle range especially, the Wakefield Company distinguished itself and led the regiment in individual records. Of course, this was expected from the Wakefield marksmen.

July 23. Welcome Home to Wakefield soldiers from camp duty. Considering the fact that it was Saturday afternoon with many people out of town, there was a creditable turnout of patriotic organizations and civilians to welcome home Company K from Camp Devens. On short notice Selectman Peterson arranged the parade composed of delegations from the G. A. R., American Legion, women's patriotic organizations, representatives of the Honorary Association of the Company, Fine Members of Company K, and Selectmen McMaster, Peterson and Goodwin. The parade was headed by a police detail under Chief James J. Pollard, and the Hugh O'Neil Fife and Drum Corps.

When Company K arrived at the Upper Station from their fortnight in the open air, they were pleasantly surprised to find the turn out of merchants and citizens lined up on North Avenue, for the officers were the only ones who knew the arrangements. Chairman L. L. McMaster spoke briefly, congratulating the young soldiers on the very excellent camp work and expressed the town's gratification in the fact that they had upheld the honored traditions of the old R. L. G. Their former Commander, Major Edward J. Connelly, who was Marshal of the civic parade and Captain Thomas J. Quinn of Company K, then swung their organizations into line and marched up North Avenue, to Main street and down through Wakefield Square to the Armory.

August 2. The first regimental shoot after the War was held at the Wakefield Range and it is very pleasing to note that the Wakefield Company came through with flying colors, winning the General Logan trophy. A complete record of this shoot will be found under the paragraph dealing with rifle work in the Company.

September 17. Company K, 9th Inf. Richardson Light Guard acted as escort at the funeral of General Lawrence Logan, father of Col. Edward L. Logan who commanded the 101st Infantry overseas. The funeral was held in Boston and the Company was transported by trucks.

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October 11. The 70th Anniversary of the Fall Field Day and Shoot was held on this date, the shoot taking place at the Wakefield Range and banquet at the Armory in the evening. The Fine Members as usual participated for prizes offered in the different classes. The banquet was a brilliant affair. Many out of town guests were present, together with Fine Members and citizens of the town. Dr. J. Wm. O'Connell acted as toastmaster in a very creditable manner. Following the speaking dancing was enjoyed by all. Among the speakers of the evening were Col. Foley, Commander of the Regiment; Col. Ed. J. Gihon, Past Commander of the Richardson Light Guard, and Lauren L. McMaster, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The prizes were awarded by Col. John H. McMahan.

November 15. Company K took part in the parade and reception given in honor of Marshal Ferdinand Foch, leader of all Allied troops in the World War. The parade was held in Boston and witnessed by many thousands. The Company made a very fine showing along the line of march. Many attended the reception in the evening at the Boston Arena.

November 21. A business pageant was held in the Armory under the auspices of the Wakefield Lodge of Elks. Members of the Company assisted in this affair and received a letter thanking them for their efforts and praising the efficiency of the members of the Company for details ably taken care of.

December 30. A very enjoyable Christmas party and banquet was held at the Armory. Dinner was served at 6.30 o'clock. Wm. J. Pellessier of Greenwood, a very good friend of the Richardson Light Guard, entertained the members of the Company. Gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree by Lt. James G. Brown, each member furnishing a gift appropriate of the occasion. Much enjoyment was had and it was decided to conduct affairs of this kind every year.

1922

January 29. Company K had its regimental inspection this evening by Col. Thomas F. Foley who complimented the Company on its general appearance and gave a short talk about the

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coming Federal inspection in February. He said the local Company stood the highest in the regiment and he thought in all New England and expected them to duplicate the fine showing made at the inspection last year. He looked forward to Company K winning the State indoor shoot.

May 30. Company K participated in the usual Memorial Day Exercises today. The firing squad was furnished by the Company and Bugler George Marchetti sounded taps. The Company then returned to the Armory and enjoyed a light lunch.

June 11. Company K marched to the Elks Home and escorted the Wakefield Lodge of Elks to the bandstand in the park where the customary Flag Day Exercises were held. Rain prevented the completion of the exercises at the park and they were completed at the Elks Home. A light lunch was served.

July 8. Annual Camp Tour—July 8 through July 22. Company K left the Armory at 8.45 and entrained at 9.07 A.M. for Boston. Arrived at North Station at 9.30 A. M. and entrained immediately on a special train for Camp Devens. Arrived at Camp Devens about 12.30 P. M. and marched to Area on 13th St., Barracks 961 arriving about 1.15 P. M. Afternoon spent making camp. Sunday, July 9, church service. Company left for the rifle range, a hike of about three miles in heavy marching order. Quarters on the range were pyramidal tents.

Monday, July 10. Time spent qualifying the Company.

Tuesday, July 11. Same as yesterday.

Wednesday, July 12. Spent part of morning qualifying and then rolled packs and marched back to the barracks. The weather very hot at noon. The men arrived back in the barracks in exhausted condition due to the rate of march.

Thursday, July 13, morning spent in close order drill. The Company went on guard at five o'clock. The officer of the day was Captain Quinn and officer of the guard, Lt. Cheever.

Company K was picked to select the firing squad at the funeral of Private Mealy who was killed in an accident.

July 14. The Company performed guard duty.

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July 15. Regular drill in forenoon reviewed by General Edwards, Commanding Officer of the First Corps Area, Boston.

Sunday, July 16. Church services in morning. Many relatives and friends visited the men.

Monday, July 17. The Company was merged with the other Companies of the Battalion in forming a war strength company. Captain Quinn acted as Battalion Commander. The war strength company executed several tactical problems. The Company acted as escort to the colors at the evening parade.

Tuesday, July 18. Regimental combat problems advancing on imaginary enemy. The first and second battalion acting as assault waves with the 3rd battalion in support. Flares and rockets were used for calling the artillery barrage which was used in gaining the objective. The afternoon was spent in gas instruction, and the use of gas masks. The men passed through area of tear gas after instruction. Evening parade was held.

Wednesday, July 19. Morning spent with Companies of the battalion consolidated into a war strength company. Captain Quinn acting as commander. In the afternoon the men were given an opportunity to get their equipment clean for the review which was held in honor of Governor Channing Cox. The Governor called all the troops about the bandstand after the review and expressed his gratitude for the showing made.

The remainder of the week was spent in combat problems. The Company returned to the Armory on Saturday.

October 19. The annual banquet of Company K was held in the form of a stag party. There were about 32 Fine Members and about 46 of the Company members present. The prizes were awarded to the winners of the Annual Field Day Shoot. The awards are to be found under shooting records of the Company.

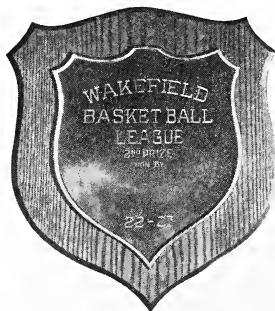
December 5. Funeral escort of Dr. Simonds at Universalist Church. The Company furnished a squad and bugler in co-operation with Company F, 101st Engineers of Stoneham, who formed the funeral escort.

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January 10. The Company participated in the regimental review held in the East Armory on this date. The Company left Wakefield at 6.30 P. M. by special car and arrived at the East Armory about eight o'clock.

March 17. The Company assembled at the Armory at 12.15 and proceeded to the East Armory, Boston, where the entire regiment assembled at 1.15 and marched to South Boston to take part in the Annual Evacuation Day Parade. After the parade an entertainment and banquet was held at the East Armory and a very pleasant time was had.



Second Prize

Wakefield B. B. League 1922-23
Won by Co. K, 101st Regt.

April 1. The Company had been transferred from the 101st Infantry effective this date and the new Company designated as Company E, 182nd Infantry. Col. Albert C. Gray, formerly Lt. Col. of the 101st Engineers, commands the new regiment.

April 16. Drill checks were distributed to the Company members. Captain Quinn received second prize won by the Company in the basket ball league and expressed his appreciation to the team. Major Desmond gave a short talk to the Company and wished them the best of luck in the new regiment to which the

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Company had been transferred. He expressed his thanks to the Company for all that they had done for him while they were a part of his battalion.

May 4. The annual prize drill of the Company was held this date with a very large attendance. The platoon prize was won by the second platoon commanded by 2nd Lt. Frank F. Marchetti. The prize awards are listed under winners of prize drill medals for 1923. The drill was one of the best ever held by the Richardson Light Guard, the proceeds going to the Company Fund. There were about three hundred persons present not including the members of the Company.

May 30. The Company took part in the annual Memorial Day Exercises and made a splendid showing. A light lunch was served at the Armory following the parade.

June 10. The Company marched to the Elks Home and escorted the Lodge of Elks to the Park where the usual Flag Day Exercises were held. There was a very good attendance of the Company members. A light lunch was served at the Elks Hall following the exercises.

July 10. Annual Encampment, July 10 to 23.

October 17. The annual banquet was held this evening with about 250 present, and enjoyed an excellent dinner served by Caterer Grattan of Wakefield. Congressman Dallinger was the principal speaker and gave a very able address on the Protection of the United States from Foreign Aggression. Col. Gray of the 182d Infantry spoke briefly and Rev. John H. Meheran gave the blessing. Capt. Quinn introduced as toastmaster, Harris M. Dolbeare, publisher of the Daily Item, who had, on numerous occasions, served at the R. L. G. banquets. Col. Edward J. Gihon gave a brief sketch of the accomplishments of the R. L. G. up to the present time, which was very interesting. The toastmaster awarded the prizes to both E Company members and the Fine members for the shoot which was held in connection with the anniversary.

Following the speaking the floor was cleared and dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

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November 26. There was a good attendance and much interest shown at the annual turkey shoot this date. The so called "lucky targets" were used and furnished much amusement for those taking part in the shoot. In all eleven turkeys were shot for and won by the Company and Fine members.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR CAPT. CHESLEY

December 3. A military funeral was held this date for Capt. George W. Chesley, a former member of old Co. A. who was one of the most distinguished marksmen in the United States. The members of his old rifle team in this Company, acted as pall bearers. They were, Capt. James H. Keough of Wakefield, Capt. William R. Murphy of Hyde Park, George Durward of Woburn, Capt. Frank E. Gray of Reading, Major Edward J. Connelly and George W. Reid of Wakefield.

December 20. A very enjoyable Christmas party was held this evening under the auspices of the Company. Gifts were distributed to all of the Company members, of a humorous nature, and were the cause of much merriment. Games of various kinds were played and a shoot was held, which was won by the second platoon.

1924

April 7. The annual Federal Inspection was held this date. The inspecting officers thoroughly examined the building, the accounts of the Company and the supplies and found them in excellent condition. Extended and close order drills, bayonet combats, etc., found the Company in very high state of efficiency. At the conclusion of the inspection the inspecting officers expressed themselves well pleased with the results shown, and for another year Wakefield's military unit lived up to its reputation as one of the best in the regiment.

May 9. The annual prize drill of Company E was held this date. Many friends and members of the Fine members Association attended. The prize winners will be found under the list of Prize Drill Winners. The judges were Major O'Brien of Somerville, Capt. Walker of Woburn, and Capt. Sullivan of Malden.

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Dancing followed the drill. The affair was very successful in every way.

ANNUAL CAMP TOUR

July 5. The Company left Wakefield on the 7.12 train to Boston for its annual tour of camp duty to be held at Camp Devens, Mass. The tour was very successful, the training showing in the improved appearance of the company upon its return to Wakefield on Saturday, July 19, 1924.

October 15. The annual Field Day and Banquet was held this date. Although the attendance was not as large as in past years the banquet was as enjoyable as ever. Capt. Quinn introduced Harris M. Dolbeare as toastmaster, first expressing his appreciation and that of the Company for the co-operation given the Company during the past year by the Fine Members Association.

Harry I. Thayer, nominee for Congress in this district, was the principal speaker and gave a very interesting address on the part that Wakefield played in the past war.

Col. Gray of the 182d Infantry spoke briefly on the accomplishments of the regiment in rifle work in the past year. The closing feature of the evening was the presenting, by toastmaster Dolbeare, of the medals and prizes won by the Company and Fine Members shoot on the range last Saturday and Monday. The winners are listed under Winners of Shooting Medals.

November 24. Many of the Fine Members Association, also the Company members took part in the annual turkey shoot at the armory this evening. The shoot was on the "lucky targets" and provided much fun for those who took part. There were six turkeys shot for and won in the competition.

December 22. The annual Christmas party of Company E was held this evening following a short drill, after which a basket ball game was played between the two platoons. A boxing match and tin dipper fights were held and provided much sport. Lt. Carl I. Cheever acted as Santa Claus and passed out humorous gifts to all the Company members. Everyone apparently had a very good time.

1925

January 16. The Ladies Auxiliary formed this date and the following officers were elected for 1925. President, Mrs. Dorothy Quinn; Treasurer, Mrs. Anna Brockbank; Secretary, Mrs. Mary A. Cheever.

March 2. The annual Federal Inspection was held this date at the armory. There was a supper served at 6 o'clock, previous to the inspection, which was in the form of Past Commanders' night. Five of the former commanders of the Company attended and received a hearty welcome as each was introduced by Capt. Quinn, the present commander of the Company. Owing to the lack of time there were no speeches by the guests.

The past commanders present were Col. Edward J. Gihon, Capt. Frank E. Gray, Col. John E. McMahon and Major Edward J. Connelly.

The officers of the Fine Members Association were also guests. They were, Lt. Edward E. Hickey, President; Arthur C. Verge, Vice President; Harry A. Simonds, Treasurer, and Ernest G. Willard, Secretary. Harris M. Dolbeare, publisher of the Daily Item, was also a guest. It was a very pleasant evening from start to finish. The Company lived up to its past reputation and received a very good rating from Capt. John E. Goodman, U. S. A. Federal Inspector, and Col. Arthur A. Hanson, State Inspector; Lt. Col. Henry D. Cormerais, Division Inspector arrived later and took part in the inspection.

March 9. The Hope Chest, on which the Company had been selling subscriptions to raise money for the contemplated trip to the inaugural exercises at Washington, was drawn in the presence of the members of Company E by Col. Edward J. Gihon. The winner was Miss Eliza Surrette, 7 Murray St., Wakefield.

March 26. The Fine Members Association had a shoot at the Armory this evening. A ten pound bird offered by Ernest G. Willard, secretary of the Fine Members Association, was won by Harry A. Simonds, treasurer of the Association. Lt. Hickey was second, William B. Feindel third, Major Samuel H. Brooks fourth. Merchandise prizes were awarded in the last named classes.

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March 12. The annual election of officers of the Fine Members Association was held this date. The officers elected are, President, Lt. Edward E. Hickey; Vice President, Arthur C. Verge; Treasurer, Harry A. Simonds; Secretary, Ernest G. Willard.

April 29. The Ladies' Auxiliary presented a two-act comedy entitled, "A Hole in the Fence", at the High School auditorium. The play was very successful and was enjoyed by all present, followed by dancing at the Armory.

May 30. Co. E participated this date in the annual Memorial Day exercises of the town. There was a very good attendance of the members and the Company looked very well in the parade which was reviewed by the marshal at the Library on the return to the armory. Refreshments were served at the Armory.

June 17. The Company left the Armory in auto busses for Charlestown this date to take part in the Bunker Hill parade. Many favorable comments were heard along the line of march regarding the splendid appearance of the Wakefield soldiers. It was estimated that about 1500 people took part in the parade.

DEFENSE DAY

July 4. All men were present at the Armory this date for the national Defense Day assembly. Capt. Quinn was much pleased with the 100 per cent attendance of the Company.

July 10. The Company left this date for its annual tour of duty at Camp Devens. The usual routine drill and tactical problems were accomplished during the camp tour without any unusual occurrences. The Company performed the duty very well and presented the appearance of veterans upon their return to Wakefield on July 25.

October 16. The 74th Anniversary Banquet was held at the Armory this date. Capt. Quinn spoke briefly and introduced Harris M. Dolbeare as toastmaster. Mr. Dolbeare had proved in the past years to possess exceptional talent as a toastmaster and the speakers were humorously presented in a manner which pleased the audience. Rev. Wm. H. Flynn delivered the principal address and was given hearty applause at the conclusion. Lt.

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Col. Moyse, in the absence of Col. Gray, responded for the regiment and paid a fitting tribute to the local soldiers. Shooting prizes were awarded at the conclusion of the speaking.

December 21. The members of Company E spent a very pleasant evening at their annual Christmas Party on this date and were the recipients of many humorous Christmas gifts which were presented by Lt. Cheever. Boxing and comedy sketches of various kinds occupied the remainder of the evening, the affair proving a social success.

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INDOOR RIFLE COMPETITION

February 26. The series of three State Indoor Rifle Competition was completed today. The first match was held on January 22, the second on February 13.

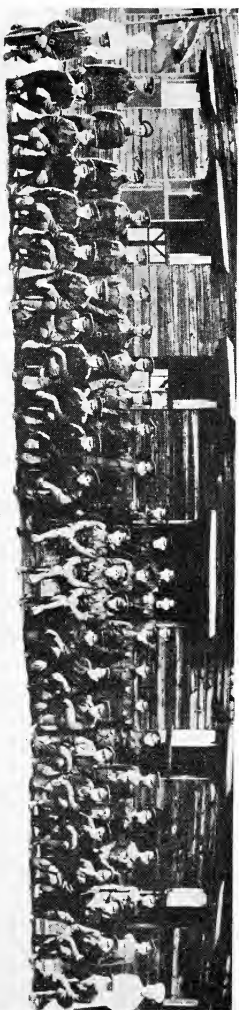
FINE MEMBERS

March 25. A committee of the Fine Members Association was held this date with a very small attendance. Routine business was transacted and the old officers of the association were re-elected: President, Edward E. Hickey; Vice President, Arthur C. Verge; Secretary, Ernest G. Willard; Treasurer, Harry A. Simonds.

A committee was appointed to act jointly with a committee from Company E, to make plans for the observance of the 75th anniversary of the Richardson Light Guard.

PRIZE DRILL

April 30. The annual prize drill and dance was held this evening under the direction of Capt. Thomas J. Quinn. A platoon drill preceded the competitive drill and the second platoon, commanded by Lt. Frank F. Marchetti was awarded the honors. The judges were Capt. Dennis P. Sullivan of Malden and Lt. Norman Duncan of Woburn. Dancing followed the drill.



Company E, 182nd Regt., 1926, at Camp Devens

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ANNUAL CAMP TOUR

July 10. The Company left the Armory at 8.30 a. m. and en-trained at 8.36 for Boston, thence to Camp Devens. Arriving at 11.35 a. m. the Company occupied the same barracks as last year at the Cor. of 4th Ave. and 12th Street, barracks No. 3066. The remainder of the day was spent policing in and about the barracks, and the cleaning of equipment.

Sunday, July 18. Regular Church Services. Many relatives and friends visited camp today, reminding one of the vast throngs of visitors during the war. A little excitement was furnished the visitors about 3 o'clock when a fire broke out in the engineers area and burned the building completely. A division review was held on the main parade grounds, witnessed by a very large crowd.

Monday, July 19. Brigade combat exercise. The brigade marched to Shirley and marched back in the direction of Camp Devens. From then on an advance guard problem was worked out with Company E acting as advance guard, the remainder of our battalion forming a reserve. When the main gate of the camp was reached the brigade was halted and the advance guard formed three march outposts. After the noon halt the march outposts were withdrawn and the advance guard taken up again until the quartermaster's area was reached where the brigade bivouaced for the night. Outposts were stationed at various points and withdrawn about 10 p. m.

After breakfast, Tuesday morning, the Company marched back to quarters. The complete division was reviewed Tuesday night by the English Ambassador. It was remarkable that none of the men suffered any ill effects from the intense heat of the day.

On Wednesday another Division review was tended to Gov. Fuller, the weather continuing very hot.

Friday evening, July 23, at retreat, Sergt. Daniel Galvin presented Capt. Thomas J. Quinn with a Sam Brown belt and a beautiful saber as a testimonial from the members of the Company.

Saturday the Company returned to Wakefield. It was the opinion of all the members of the Company that this was, by far, the most pleasant camp tour we have held in the past six years.

ROSTER OF CO. E, 182nd INFANTRY, M. N. G.

September 1, 1926

Capt. Thomas J. Quinn
1st Lt. Carl I. Cheever
2nd Lt. Frank F. Marchetti

Sergeants

Dolbeare, Richard B.
Galvin, Daniel H.
Dingle, John T.
White, Walter C.
Wenzel, Merritt
Meredith, John F.
O'Leary, John J.

Corporals

Martin, John E.
Barrett, James J.
Denley, Roy L.
Gould, Frank J.
Franklin, Neil

1st-Class Privates

Leone, Guidino
Meuse, Benoit A.
Pizzano, Ernest E.
Procurat, John
Sheppard, Albert
Rich, Frank
Roby, Harry B.
Vielick, A. Tony
Wade, Roy

Privates

Bennett, Elmer F.
Cameron, David
Cavalieri, Paul
Cottreau, Clifford
Cottreau, John O.
Cucurullo, Charles
Cushing, Ernest E.

Cushing, Raymond
Davis, Merton E.
French, John
Gallagher, Francis
Geary, Frank
Hall, George
Hubbard, Alfred J.
Leone, Sebastino
Martin, John W.
Messa, Michael
Melanson, Parker J.
Melanson, Harold J.
Migliori, Rosario
Meuse, Daniel
Meuse, Frederick A.
Moschella, Joseph
Pizzano, Charles
Randall, Wyman S.
Richard, Thomas
Robbins, Frank J.
Serrantino, Constantino
Shaw, John T.
Storti, Joseph
Tedesco, Clement
Tenney, Leslie J.
Woods, Bertram
Jacobs, John H.
Lloyd, Ralph P.
Beane, Raymond J.
Alger, William A.
Collura, Onofrio
Paladino, Mario
Clark, John L.
Fredette, Joseph L.
Wengen, Frank J.

CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

ANNIVERSARY PLANS

It was at the annual meeting of the Fine Members Association of the Richardson Light Guard, March 25, 1926, that a vote was passed authorizing the appointment of a committee to make plans for a suitable observance of the 75th anniversary. Lt. Edward E. Hickey, president of the association appointed the following members of the committee:

Lt. Charles E. Walton
Solon O. Richardson, Toledo
Harry G. Robinson
William W. King
Michael J. Hurton
Maj. Edward J. Connelly
Dr. Curtis L. Sopher
Col. John H. McMahon
Col. Edward J. Gihon
Col. Charles F. Woodward
Maj. George H. Taylor
Maj. Samuel H. Brooks
Capt. George M. Thompson
Capt. Clinton H. Stearns

Capt. Charles A. Cheney
Capt. Frank E. Gray
Lt. Stanley B. Dearborn
J. Theodore Whitney
Charles N. Winship
Frank H. Hackett
Henry A. Feindel
Dr. J. William O'Connell
Maj. James H. Keough
Harris M. Dolbeare
Capt. John L. Downing
Maj. Fred H. Rogers
Albert D. Oxley

It was voted that officers of the association also serve on the committee: President E. E. Hickey, Vice President Arthur C. Verge, Secretary Ernest G. Willard and Treasurer Harry A. Simonds.

Capt. Thomas J. Quinn of Co. E, 182nd Inf., M. N. G., was asked to serve and appoint a committee from the company. The following were appointed: Capt. Quinn, 1st Lt. Carl I. Cheever, 2nd Lt. Frank F. Marchetti, 1st Sgt. John J. Lyons, Sgt. Andrew E. Waters, Sgt. Richard B. Dolbeare, Sgt. Daniel H. Galvin, Sgt. John T. Dingle, Sgt. Walter C. White, Sgt. Merritt Wenzel, Corp. John F. Meredith, Corp. Roy L. Denley, Corp. James J. Barrett, Corp. Frank J. Gould, Corp. George Hall, and Corp. John Martin. During the months preceding the final arrangements the enlistment terms of 1st Sgt. Lyons, Sgt. Galvin and Sgt. Dingle expired, but they have since served as Fine Members. Sgt. Dolbeare was promoted to 1st Sgt., Corp. Meredith was appointed

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sergeant. Sgt. Waters has been transferred to the 101st Regt. Inf., and has been commissioned 2nd lieutenant.

The committees representing the Fine Members and active members organized with Lt. Walton, chairman; Mr. Willard, secretary; Mr. King assistant secretary, and Mr. Simonds, treasurer. Frequent meetings have been held and many sub-committees have taken charge of details.



State Armory, Wakefield, at Time of 75th Anniversary

During the Spring sessions of the annual town meeting an appropriation of \$5,000 was made to provide a suitable monument in memory of Wakefield's soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Spanish-American War. The town appointed a committee of five to assume charge of the erection and dedication of the monument: Col. Edward J. Gihon, Maj. Edward J. Connelly, Commander J. Warren Poland of H. M. Warren Post 12, G. A. R., John J. Round and Arthur L. Evans. Commander Poland died before the committee organized. In view of the close relationship, between the Richardson Light Guard and the Spanish War veterans, it was suggested that a joint celebration be held, combining the dedication of the monument and the 75th anniversary. It

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was also noted that a reunion of the United Spanish War veterans would be planned in connection with the dedication and R. L. G. event. These suggestions were adopted and joint sessions of committees representing the Spanish War veterans, the town committee and the R. L. G. committee have been held in order to prepare a creditable observance. Col. Gihon, as chairman of the town committee, and prominent as a past national and state commander of the Spanish War veteran has directed much of the preliminary work in co-operation with Chairman Walton. Capt. Quinn, the commander of the present company was chosen chief marshal.

Early in the discussions it was decided to publish a history of the Richardson Light Guard, covering the quarter-century period from the time of the fiftieth anniversary to the close of the 75th year. This committee comprised Lt. Edward E. Hickey, Maj. Edward J. Connelly, Maj. John H. McMahon, Capt. Frank E. Gray and Pvt. W. S. Randall, clerk of Company E. The committee has found the task difficult, but trust that the printed volume may prove interesting and worth the efforts in recording in chronological order the more important events of the past twenty-five years in which varied activities of the Richardson Light Guard have transpired. In a number of instances it has been impossible to secure desired information from those who were relied upon for co-operation, for various reasons, and efforts have been made to verify the material appearing herein from sources as nearly authentic as possible.

Owing to the short time available in preparing the history, events during years previous to the World War have been condensed and used in chronological order, so that much of the interesting narrative is omitted. The material of the World War story has been cut down, for a volume in itself would be needed to properly narrate those stirring events.

The history committee is indebted to many friends who have extended courtesies and otherwise expressed their interest in the work. Included among the number, special recognition is accorded Miss May Bloom (Adjutant General's Office) and Miss Helen Dinan, both of whom prepared much of the material of the rosters; Miss Mary L. Hurley of the Item staff, who did a great deal of the typing of the story; Lt. Edward E. Hickey who compiled the rifle records and most of the chronological events leading to the World War; Harris M. Dolbeare who gave valuable assistance to the committee, and Maj. Edward J. Connelly who furnished most of the war data.

CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Richardson Light Guard's diamond anniversary was observed with fitting ceremonies jointly with the dedication of the Spanish War Veterans' Hiker Monument on Tuesday, October 12, 1926, Columbus Day.

The day will never be forgotten by anyone who attended the ceremonies, for the weather was ideal—a typical Fall day, with cloudless sky, brisk breezes and perfect Indian Summer atmosphere. It was happily mentioned at the time that the day was “made to order”, for better weather could not have been desired.

Target Shoot

The first event of the day was a target shoot early in the forenoon at Camp Curtis Guild. For years this custom of holding a target shoot has attracted wide attention, and the attendance on this occasion surpassed all records. Members of Company E competed for medals and prizes, as in previous years. Lt. Edward E. Hickey was range officer for the Fine Members and made a full possible score of 50, in the distinguished expert class. The competition aroused much interest among old-time rivals at the range, and equal interest was manifested by members of Company E, for excellent scores were made. In the latter contests, Lt. Carl I. Cheever won both the Gihon medal and the Carpenter “Best Shot” medal, the latter in the expert class. Capt. Quinn won second prize, the Kingman medal, and the third prize, the Cheney medal, was won by Private Cucurullo.

Military Parade

The parade started on schedule time at two o'clock in the afternoon and was one of the finest military parades ever held in Greater Boston.

The parade was fifteen minutes in passing a given point and long enough to require four bands—Ives', the Salem Cadet, the

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Lynn Cadet and the 101st Engineers. It is interesting to note that the Salem Cadet band and its veteran bandmaster, Jean M. Missud, played for the Richardson Light Guard when it celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1901, and for many of the famous Fall musters and dress parades of by-gone days.

Starting from the lower square, near the armory, the procession followed Main and Chestnut streets, North avenue, Avon street, Main street, again to Park street, passing the reviewing stand on the Rockery; traversed Park st to Pleasant and continued along Pleasant street to White avenue; thence back to the Rockery, via White avenue and Main streets. In Wakefield Square and along all side streets it was viewed by thousands of people. many in automobiles.

Capt. Thomas J. Quinn of the R. L. G. was chief marshal of the parade and was assisted by Maj. Edward J. Connelly and Lt. Edward E. Hickey, former members of the R. L. G., and Lt. Richard J. Connelly, W. H. S. Cadets, son of Maj. Connelly. All were mounted.

Col. Gihon's staff comprised many notable officers and Spanish War veterans from various parts of the State. The list included:

Major-Gen. William E. Stopford, mayor of Beverly; Maj.-Gen. Walter E. Lombard of Arlington, M. N. G., retired; Col. William S. Youngman, state treasurer; Col. Joseph Frothingham of Boston; Col. Arthur Rowe of Winchester, a Canadian veteran; Col. Warren E. Sweetser of Neponset, Col. John H. McMahon of Wakefield, a former commander of old Co. A; Past Dept. Commander of U. S. W. V. Henry McCammon of Lowell, Past Dept. Commander William C. Hogan of Cambridge, Past Dept. Commander William J. O'Brien of Boston, Past Dept. Commander Charles A. Flannagan, Maj. John F. Barrett of Boston, Maj. P. J. Cannon of Clinton, Maj. D. J. Murphy of Natick, Maj. Waugh U. S. Army; Maj. James H. Keough of Wakefield, Capt. Richard K. Flynn of Winthrop (as chief of staff); Capt. Clifford Hamilton of Waltham, Capt. William Fairweather of Medford, Capt. Thomas Quinlan of Somerville, Capt. Whiting of Boston, Capt.

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Tobey of Lynn, Charles W. Parker, commandant of the Soldiers' Home; Capt. Horace B. Parker of Boston, Judge Philip J. McCook of the New York Supreme Court, a former Co. A veteran; Lt. Andrew Fyfe of Peabody, representing the Veterans of the Foreign Wars, Lt. William J. Fitzgerald of Wakefield, representing Corp. Nelson Post of American Legion; Lt. Anthony Carson of Boston, Joseph Scott, late of the U. S. Navy, of Cambridge; Sgt Roy Tice of the U. S. Marine Corps, Selectmen Charles F. Young, Thomas G. Dignan and Arthur E. Newcomb; Maj. Frederic M. Whitney, Capt. Thomas F. Jackson of Marlboro, Capt. Bertie E. Grant of Chelsea, Lt.-Col. Franklin A. Taylor of Marlboro, Capt. Martin J. Healey of Clinton, Lt. Gardner W. Allen of Boston, Lt. Dennis F. Bowen of Boston and Lt. William F. Tolman of Chelsea.

The parade, representing various branches of service, with cavalry, infantry, medical detachment, Marines, etc., made a remarkable showing. The formation of the procession was as follows:

- Platoon of Police, Chief James J. Pollard.

- Chief Marshal, Capt. Thomas J. Quinn and staff.

- Salem Cadet Band, Jean M. Missud, leader.

- Headquarters Troop, 110th Cavalry, M. N. G.

- 2nd Battalion, 182nd Infantry, M. N. G.

- Marine Corps Reserve.

- Medical Detachment, 182nd Inf. M. N. G.

- Wakefield High School Battalion.

- Corp. Charles F. Parker Camp 39, U. S. W. V.

- Corp. Harry E. Nelson Post 63, American Legion.

- Co. A, 6th Mass. Inf., N. G. (World War Veterans).

- Richardson Light Guard Fine Members Association.

- Horace M. Warren Camp 34, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

- Girl Scouts.

- Boy Scouts.

Upon return to the Rockery, the marching organizations formed on three sides of the Rockery plot, the Spanish War Vet-

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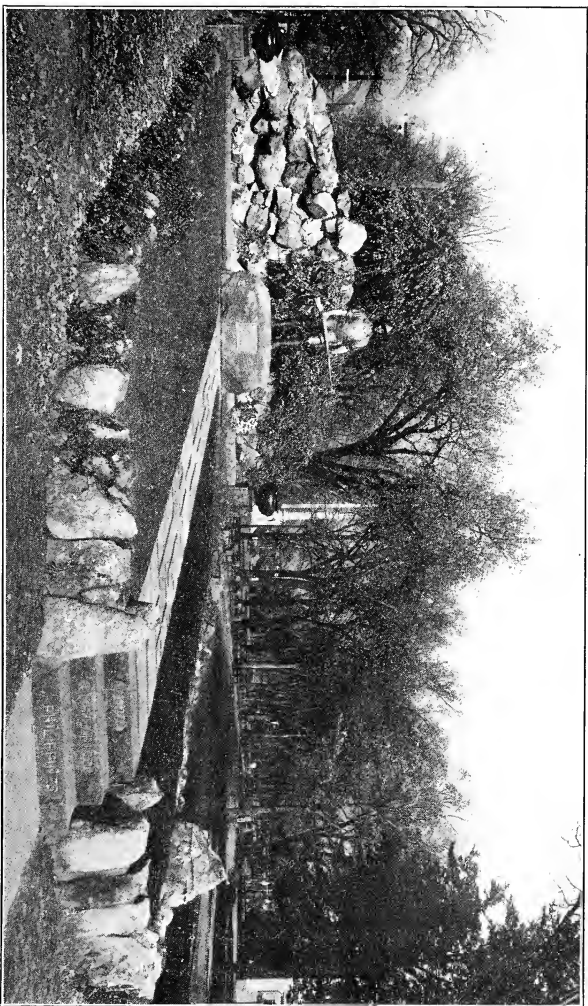
erans having the post of honor at the front, and at least 2000 persons were within sight and hearing of the exercises.

Dedication of Monument

Col. Edward J. Gihon, former commander of the Richardson Light Guard, and chairman of the committee appointed by the town to procure and dedicate the monument, presided at these impressive exercises. Col. Gihon occupied a deserved place on the day's program for he was commander of the R. L. G. in the Spanish War; was the first commander and organizer of Corp. Charles F. Parker Camp, United Spanish War Veterans, and later was honored with both state and national offices of commander-in-chief of the U. S. W. V.

The exercises opened with an eloquent invocation by Rev. F. J. Halloran, rector of St. Joseph's Church. The monument was presented to the town by Col. Gihon, on behalf of the committee and was accepted by Selectman Charles F. Young, a World War veteran, on behalf of the citizens of Wakefield. Mr. Young then placed the custody of the monument in the hands of Corporal Charles F. Parker Camp 39, U. S. W. V., Capt. Julian L. Kelley, commander. Commander Kelley spoke in appreciation of the honor conferred on the Spanish War veterans. State Treasurer William S. Youngman, a veteran of both the Spanish War and World War, represented Governor Alvan T. Fuller in extending the greetings of the Commonwealth, and a patriotic address followed by Hon. Charles F. McCarthy, a prominent Spanish War veteran. Vocal selections were sung by Mrs. Gertrude Connelly Burke, and the combined bands played "America the Beautiful". The exercises closed with a fervent benediction by Rev. Austin Rice, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational Church.

The town monument committee consisted of Col. Edward J. Gihon, Maj. Edward J. Connelly and former Selectmen Arthur L. Evans and John J. Round. Commander J. Warren Poland of H. M. Warren Post 12, G. A. R., served on the committee until his death, a few months previous to the dedication.



"THE HIKER"

(Theodore Kitson Model)

Erected by the Town of Wakefield under the auspices of Charles F. Parker Camp No. 39, U. S. W. V, as a memorial to the Men of Wakefield who served in the Spanish-American War
Dedicated Oct. 12, 1926

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Evening Parade

An evening parade followed on the Park by a battalion of the 182nd Regt. with companies of infantry from Waltham, Woburn, Everett and Wakefield. A detachment of Marines also participated, making a fitting climax of the afternoon's ceremonies. The consolidated bands, under direction of Jean M. Missud of the Salem Cadet Band, furnished music.

Reunion

Visiting organizations were provided with luncheons in halls and church vestries following the ceremonies. A reunion of the 6th Mass. Regt. Spanish War veterans took place at the town hall, when a banquet, speeches and an entertainment afforded pleasure for visitors.

R. L. G. Banquet

The closing feature was the banquet in the State Armory when the Richardson Light Guard festivities took place. It was the final event of a most enjoyable celebration. As in the case of the day's entire program the arrangements were smoothly carried out, and many compliments were heard from visitors relative to the unusual fact that a most happily planned schedule had been fulfilled without interruption. About 400 persons attended the banquet, which was served by the Grattan Baking Company of Wakefield, caterers. Music was furnished by the Salem Cadet Orchestra. The Armory was very beautifully decorated for the occasion, with electrical effects amid flags, streamers and ornamental decorations.

Capt. Thomas J. Quinn opened the after-dinner exercises and in welcoming the guests he referred especially to the moral and financial support accorded the Richardson Light Guard during his term of office; and in fact throughout three-quarters of a century. He paid a tribute to the Fine Members' Association for their loyalty. Capt. Quinn introduced as toastmaster, Harris M. Dolbeare, publisher of the Wakefield Daily Item.

State Treasurer William S. Youngman represented Governor Fuller and congratulated Wakefield on its splendid record in marksmanship and its military history. He considered the day's program as "the best conducted celebration" he had ever attended.

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Col. Albert C. Gray, commander of the 182nd Regt. stated that the Richardson Light Guard was always above the average in its work, and that the company was deserving of the support so generously given by citizens of Wakefield. He was proud of the company and of the town's prestige in military affairs.

Judge Philip J. McCook of New York, a Company A veteran of 1898, who had come to Wakefield to attend the reunion of his regiment, extended greetings to his former company.

Congressman Frederick W. Dallinger, who had frequently attended R. L. G. anniversary banquets emphasized the importance of military training in times of peace and praised the work of the National Guard, which he considered very important.

Selectman Charles F. Young responded for the town and gave an interesting brief review of the history of the Richardson Light Guard.

Col. Gihon took occasion to express his appreciation of the co-operation extended in making the day's program a success, and voiced the sentiment of Spanish War veterans in suitably recognizing the services of enlisted men.

A message from S. O. Richardson of Toledo, who was unable to attend, conveyed greetings and expressed his interest in a very substantial manner.

Capt. Quinn concluded the exercises by extending sincere thanks to all who had made the celebration a success.

Two invited guests were unable to attend, Maj. Gen. Edward L. Logan of World War fame and Brig. Gen. Alfred F. Foote, State Commissioner of Public Safety.

General Co-operation

Besides the committee from the Fine Members' Association, the town monument committee and a committee from Corp. Charles F. Parker Camp 39, U. S. W. V. met frequently in joint sessions. Harmony prevailed in these meetings, for all worked together in the interests of the town's notable celebration, fully realizing that the Richardson Light Guard was recognized as a town institution, and that any arrangements made would be conge-

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nial to Wakefield people and their visitors. Expenses of the celebration were met largely by popular subscription, nearly \$1,000 having been raised by the Fine Members' Association. Expenses incident to the dedication of the monument were paid from the town appropriation of \$5000 and the Spanish War veterans raised funds to defray expenses connected with the reunion and other incidentals. As on other similar occasions, Wakefield people generously responded and co-operated to a remarkable degree in making the affair a success.



—ROSTERS—

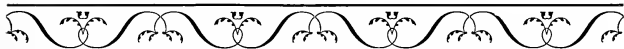
OF THE

Richardson Light Guard

From September 1, 1902 to September 1, 1926

including separate lists of the company in the

World War and the State Guard company



Rosters of the Richardson Light Guard

In presenting the following rosters of the R. L. G., it has been necessary to condense the material, and the following abbreviations have been adopted for convenience:

e, enlisted	tr, transferred
d, discharged	con. ser., continuous service
res, resigned	com, commissioned
re, reenlisted	

Company A, 6th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Militia

(See front of book for succeeding military designations)

Name	Enlisted	Discharged	Rank
Abbott, Ernest G.	Aug 19, 1901	Oct. 30, 1901	
Achorn, Carl W.	June 20, 1910	Mar. 20, 1911	
Akers, Gilbert L.	Oct. 30, 1902	Apr. 10, 1908	
Aldrich, Clifton H.	Apr. 10, 1901	Feb. 10, 1902	
Altieri, Peter C.	Aug. 24, 1912	Aug. 24, 1915	
Anderson, John H.	Feb. 1, 1915	Mar. 10, 1916	
Andrew, Edward M.	Nov. 2, 1915	July 1, 1916	
Archibald, Sidney	May 18, 1903	June 10, 1904	
Bagley, Thomas W.	June 6, 1914	Aug. 5, 1917	
Bancroft, John R.	Feb. 20, 1901	Mar. 12, 1911 epl., sgt.	
Barrett, John F.	May 23, 1910	Oct. 20, 1910	
Barton, John T.	May 9, 1906	May 9, 1909 epl.	
Barstow, Roy H.	Oct. 1, 1904	Sept. 30, 1907 mus.	
Bennett, Elmer F.	July 12, 1909	July 12, 1914	
Bennett, George A.	Mar. 19, 1901	June 10, 1901	
Bennett, Pierre B.	Aug. 26, 1907	Aug. 10, 1910	
Bergstrom, Axel E.	Mar. 20, 1908	June 10, 1908	
Bishop, Jerden E.	Dec. 16, 1907	May 29, 1908	
Bishop, William E.	Dec. 23, 1907	July 30, 1908	
Blanchard, George L.	May 18, 1904	Sept. 30, 1909	
Bolster, Walter H.	Oct. 13, 1902	Apr. 10, 1903	
Borthwick, Arthur H.	Jan. 4, 1909	Mar. 30, 1909	
Bourgeois, Samuel	May 30, 1902	June 9, 1905 mus.	
Breen, Frank H.	Oct. 26, 1903	Nov. 30, 1907	
Brockbank, Harvey G.	e Feb. 2, 1891; continuous service to August, 1909; Spanish-American War; Cpl., Sgt., 1st Sgt., 1st Lt.; May 19, 1902; res. d Nov., 1909.		
Brennan, John G.	Oct. 26, 1903	Oct. 26, 1907	
Brown, Foster	May 18, 1903	Dec. 10, 1903	
Bryant, Arthur J.	Dec. 28, 1903	Dec. 28, 1903	
Burbine, John A.	June 20, 1910	Feb. 20, 1911	
Burbine, William	May 10, 1904	June 9, 1906	
Burrage, William F.	Jan. 17, 1910	Aug. 9, 1912	
Calkin, Pitt R.	Oct. 31, 1908	July 15, 1910	
Cameron, William A.	Oct. 14, 1907	Sept. 30, 1909	
Carr, Michael	May 15, 1903	Oct. 20, 1903	
Casey, Thomas F.	June 19, 1905	Apr. 10, 1907	

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Name	Enlisted	Discharged	Rank
Chesley, George W.	e Jan. 16, 1893; re Jan. 16, 1897, exp. of term Jan. 16, 1898; Spanish War, re Feb. 22, 1898; con. ser. to July 31, 1901; re July 31, 1902; d May 19, 1906; mus.	July 1, 1916	
Chubbuck, Frank G.	Feb. 1, 1915	July 1, 1916	
Collins, Louis E.	June 18, 1901	Apr. 21, 1902	
Collins, Richard L.	Mar. 2, 1903	Mar. 2, 1906	
Connelly, Frank D.	Jan. 4, 1909	Apr. 20, 1911	
Cobb, Herbert W.	May 18, 1903	May 18, 1904	
Coombs, Chester H.	July 31, 1901	May 8, 1903	
Cosman, Richard A.	Apr. 14, 1902	Nov. 30, 1908 cpl.	
Cox, Harold C.	May 17, 1907	May 7, 1910	
Cloutier, Joseph T.	May 12, 1908	Oct. 30, 1908	
Crandell, Chauncey	Mar. 2, 1905	Feb. 20, 1905	
Crane, Clarence P.	Sept. 30, 1901	Feb. 10, 1902	
Creagh, Harry G.	Jan. 12, 1901	Dec. 20, 1902	
Creedon, Daniel C.	Oct. 19, 1914	June 20, 1916	
Croke, Thomas M.	e Co. H, 6th Mass. U. S. V.; Spanish War; d Jan. 21, 1899; re in Co. H as corp., March 4, 1899; d Aug., 1900; re April 9, 1901; d Feb. 10, 1904.		
Cronin, Jeremiah J.	Feb. 18, 1901	Aug. 21, 1908 cpl.	
Cronin, Patrick J.	Mar. 11, 1910	Jan. 10, 1911	
Crosby, Joseph W.	Dec. 30, 1907	Aug. 29, 1908	
Cummings, Clarence C.	May 12, 1908	May 12, 1911	
Currier, Harold R.	Mar. 20, 1911	Mar. 20, 1914	
Curtin, Thomas	Mar. 2, 1903	Oct. 29, 1904	
Cuzner, Herbert J.	Aug. 14, 1902	May 18, 1907	
Dean, Bayard C.	Mar. 20, 1903	Jan. 20, 1906 cpl., sgt.	
Derby, Joseph M.	Oct. 20, 1913	Oct. 10, 1918	
DeRoche, J. Edward	May 23, 1910	Aug. 10, 1911	
Desmond, James J.	Mar. 12, 1905	July 10, 1909	
Devlin, John F.	May 19, 1913	Dec. 21, 1914	
Dillon, Joseph J.	May 18, 1906	Nov. 30, 1907	
Dingle, Manuel	e May 12, 1893; d Dec. 29, 1894; re June 5, 1895; d Jan. 20, 1897; re Feb. 20, 1899; served in Spanish War in U. S. Navy on board the U. S. monitor, Terror; (e April 26, 1898 to d Dec. 12, 1898); re Feb. 20, 1900; re Feb. 21, 1901; d Feb. 10, 1904; corp.		
Doucette, Albert J.	Mar. 31, 1917	May 28, 1917	
Doucette, Edward S.	Apr. 29, 1907	Jan. 10, 1908	
Doucette, James E.	June 2, 1913	Feb. 20, 1915	
Downes, Elden M.	Sept. 1, 1910	June 16, 1913 cpl.	
Duane, Daniel J.	Mar. 9, 1908	Aug. 10, 1910	
Duff, Myles J.	May 12, 1908	Sept. 30, 1916	
Duff, Peter J.	June 23, 1913	Oct. 30, 1914	
Dulong, Edward	Oct. 1, 1904	June 9, 1906	
Dulong, Enos	May 12, 1908	Aug. 10, 1909	
Durward, William A.	May 29, 1906	May 29, 1907 cook	
Dwyer, Richard M.	May 29, 1911	May 29, 1912 cpl.	
Eames, Clarence G.	Killed in France during World War as Lieutenant.		
Eames, Hugh H.	Oct. 12, 1904	Oct. 12, 1907	
Eaton, Wilfred P.	Mar. 20, 1911	Aug. 9, 1912	
Evans, Robert T.	Sept. 30, 1901	Oct. 31, 1906	
Fabey, John F.	May 7, 1904	Aug. 30, 1906	
Fabey, Matthew E.	Aug. 26, 1907	July 10, 1909	
Farnham, George E.	July 6, 1912	Jan. 20, 1915	
Faunce, James E.	Aug. 26, 1907	June 30, 1913 cpl., sgt.	
Feindel, Henry A.	June 19, 1905	Apr. 10, 1907	
Findlay, Peter G.	e May 18, 1893; d May 18, 1896; re May 12, 1898; Spanish-American War, Co. A, 6th Mass. Vol., May 12, 1898, to Jan. 21, 1899; in action at Quianica, Porto Rico, July 26, 1898; re May 8, 1902; d May 9, 1903.		
Findlay, William E.	Oct. 9, 1911	June 20, 1916 cpl.	
Field, Edwin F.	Mar. 11, 1907	Mar. 11, 1914 mus.	
Finneran, Edward J.	May 23, 1906	Feb. 10, 1908	
Flagg, Levi	Aug. 2, 1916	Mar. 24, 1917	
Fleming, Robert A.	July 7, 1915	July 1, 1916	
Foley, Frederick G.	Sept. 27, 1915	Dec. 20, 1915	
Foster, Robert P.	June 18, 1911	Oct. 30, 1913	
	Oct. 22, 1906	Feb. 28, 1907	

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Fowler, John	June 6, 1909	June 6, 1912	
Ganmons, George E.	Apr. 30, 1900	Sept. 10, 1903	
Geoghegan, Charles J.	June 27, 1907	Nov. 30, 1907	
Gerry, Fred B.	Feb. 9, 1903	Feb. 12, 1909	
Gibson, Robert E.	Apr. 25, 1901	Sept. 22, 1908	
Glynn, John W.	May 23, 1910	May 23, 1913	
Godfrey, Harry G.	Dec. 12, 1905	Apr. 5, 1910 cpl.	
Godfrey, Robert F.	May 18, 1903	Oct. 20, 1903	
Goodwin, Carl I.	May 4, 1908	Oct. 30, 1908	
Gould, Clarence A.	May 10, 1904	Dec. 30, 1904	
Grozier, Herbert F.	Nov. 10, 1913	Dec. 2, 1915	
Gray, Frank E.	e Jan. 19, 1886; continuous service to 1902; Cpl., Sgt., Spanish-American War, Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. Vol.; mentioned in Special Order for conspicuous gallantry at Quánica, Porto Rico, July 26, 1898; 2nd Lt. Jan. 18, 1897; 1st Lt. July 6, 1898; 6th Regt. Adjt Aug. 9 to Sept. 15, 1898; Capt Co. K, 6th Mass. U. S. Vol. Sept. 2, 1898; mus. out Jan. 21, 1899; 2nd Lt. Co. A, 6th M. V. M., 1899; 1st Lt. Apr. 14, 1899; Capt. July 12, 1899; res. d Feb., 1902.		
Hadley, William G.	Oct. 27, 1902	Feb. 10, 1903	
Haley, Jesse A.	e Dec. 20, 1896; mus. U. S. Vols. Co. A, 6th, May 12, 1898; Spanish War; d March 10, 1899; re Jan. 12, 1901; d Jan. 12, 1903; corp.		
Haley, William A.	e Jan. 20, 1896; mus. U. S. Vols. Co. A, 6th, May 12, 1898, Spanish War; corp. July 13, 1898; d Jan. 20, 1899, sergt.; re Feb. 27, 1899, 1st sergt.; re April 30, 1900; d May 10, 1902.		
Hall, Albert F.	Mar. 31, 1917	Aug. 5, 1917	
Hanley, John C.	May 18, 1903	June 10, 1904	
Hanley, Thomas	Feb. 18, 1901	Dec. 20, 1902	
Hannaford, Walter A.	May 23, 1910	Nov. 30, 1912	
Hanright, Cecil G.	May 4, 1903	Sept. 10, 1903	
Harrie, Charles	May 18, 1903	July 27, 1907	
Hastings, William M.	Aug. 14, 1902	June 26, 1905	
Healey, John F.	June 3, 1901	Sept. 30, 1904 cook	
Heneghen, Patrick	May 4, 1903	June 10, 1904	
Heningar, Henry A.	Oct. 17, 1910	Aug. 22, 1911	
Hickey, William A.	June 19, 1905	Oct. 20, 1910 cpl.	
Hinckley, Albert G., Jr.	Oct. 14, 1907	Sept. 30, 1909	
Hinkley, Edwin H.	Sept. 28, 1903	June 26, 1905	
Hinkley, Frank G., Jr.	Sept. 28, 1903	Feb. 10, 1904	
Holt, Frank	May 8, 1902	May 8, 1903	
Hunt, Edgar L.	May 10, 1904	July 10, 1909	
Hunt, Walter G.	Apr. 17, 1902	May 20, 1910 cpl., sergt., 1st sergt.	
Jaquith, James J.	Served in World War as Capt., 1st Div. overseas.		
Jones, James A.	July 12, 1909	May 10, 1910	
Keady, James E.	May 10, 1904	June 10, 1908	
Kean, Frederick C.	Feb. 12, 1906	Apr. 10, 1907	
Kelley, William H.	Aug. 21, 1906	Aug. 21, 1907	
Keene, Ervin L.	May 8, 1902	June 10, 1908 cpl.	
Kennedy, Edward J.	May 18, 1904	Oct. 29, 1904	
Kennedy, George W.	May 10, 1904	June 9, 1906	
Keough, James H.	Dec. 12, 1904	Apr. 10, 1907	
	e May 30, 1888; continuous service to Dec. 1, 1913; Spanish-American War Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. Vol. Porto Rican campaign; mus. out Jan. 21, 1899; Bugler, Qm. Sgt., Capt. Ordnance Dept. July 1, 1915; Asst. Inspector Small Arms Practice; Capt. N. G. Reserve Apr. 24, 1917; Major Retired List Jan. 17, 1919; World War, Capt Small Arms Firing School; trans. to 20th Div., Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., Oct. 10, 1918; trans. to Infantry School of Arms, Columbus, Ga., Nov. 5, 1918; National Matches, Caldwell, N. J. as instructor July 23, 1919; returned to Infantry School Sept. 20, 1919; trans. to 3rd U. S. Inf., Eagle Pass, Texas, Feb. 19, 1920, as Capt. Co. I and Construction Quartermaster; detailed to Camp Perry as Asst. Quartermaster June 5, 1920; ordered to Boston and discharged Oct. 15, 1920; services no longer required.		

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King, Charles W.	Mar. 20, 1908	June 10, 1908	
Krom, William M.	June 3, 1901	Mar. 10, 1902	
LaBueque, Alfred N.	Feb. 1, 1915	June 30, 1915	
LaForme, Elmer J.	Dec. 12, 1904	June 26, 1905	
Lane, Frank H.	Dec. 12, 1904	Aug. 30, 1907	
Legg, Clarence A.	Oct. 26, 1903	Nov. 10, 1905	
LeGoff, William A.	Dec. 30, 1910	Dec. 30, 1913	
LeFave, Stanley J.	June 2, 1913	Nov. 20, 1915	
Litchfield, Benjamin E.	Mar. 14, 1916	July 1, 1916	
Little Frank P.	Feb. 18, 1904	Feb. 18, 1907	
Locke, Charles H.	June 19, 1905	June 9, 1906	
Lockhart, Walter C.	Jan. 5, 1903	May 29, 1903	
Logan, Joseph D.	Mar. 20, 1911	Mar. 20, 1914	
Low, Louis F.	May 10, 1904	May 10, 1907	
Lyons, John	Jan. 12, 1901	Oct. 20, 1903	
MacDonald, Leon F.	May 26, 1913	Dec. 10, 1915	
MacIntire, Gordon G.	May 27, 1912	May 20, 1914	
Maloney, Michael J.	May 10, 1904	Nov. 30, 1907	
Marshall, Wiley W.	Apr. 5, 1909	July 20, 1910	
Marhot, Elmer E.	May 29, 1911	Oct. 30, 1912	
Maher, Edwin C., Jr.	Oct. 14, 1907	Jan. 29, 1910	
Martin, David	July 12, 1909	July 12, 1912	
Martin, James M.	Feb. 12, 1906	May 29, 1908	
Mayer, Walter G.	Mar. 7, 1904	Oct. 10, 1904	
Mayer, William A.	May 20, 1907	Oct. 9, 1912	
McCarthy, Joseph J.	May 18, 1903	Dec. 30, 1904	
McDonald, Thomas A.	Mar. 4, 1903	June 10, 1904 cpl., sgt.	
McFadden, Andrew J.	May 18, 1903	May 18, 1907	
McFadden, James F.	June 6, 1917	(no discharge date given)	
McGlory, Edwin F.	June 3, 1907	Oct. 30, 1908	
McGlory, John J.	May 23, 1906	May 23, 1909	
McGrath, Thomas H.	Mar. 16, 1914	Sept. 10, 1914	
McKinnan, Ronald H.	June 2, 1913	Feb. 20, 1915	
McLean, Asbury	May 23, 1907	Feb. 10, 1908	
McManus, George W.	Jan. 12, 1901	June 10, 1904	
McManus, Terrance P.	Feb. 1, 1915	July 1, 1916	
McMahon, John H.	e June 5, 1893; continuous service to June 14, 1915; Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. Vol., Spanish-American War, 1898, in action at Quonica; Cpl., Sgt., 2nd Lt. June 12, 1899; Capt. Feb. 24, 1902; Major Aug. 15, 1914; Lt.-Col. retired June 14, 1915; Capt. Co. H, 12th Regt., State Guard, June 20, 1917; Major State Guard July, 1917; Major U. S. Qm. Reserve Dec. 27, 1923. Military instructor in High Schools of Wakefield, Stoneham and Woburn.		
McMaster, Lauren L.	Oct. 27, 1902	Dec. 30, 1904	
McNeil, Hugh J.	Jan. 27, 1913	Mar. 20, 1914 (without honor)	
McWade, Harry B.	May 12, 1908	July 10, 1909	
Menadue, Sydney J.	Dec. 29, 1902	Dec. 29, 1903 cpl.	
Merrill, Rufus A.	Dec. 12, 1904	Dec. 12, 1905	
Miller, Ernest E.	June 4, 1917	Aug. 5, 1917	
Milligan, Arthur W.	May 10, 1909	May 10, 1912	
Moody, Chester W.	Aug. 24, 1903	Feb. 10, 1904	
Morrison, Alfred A.	Mar. 11, 1910	Mar. 20, 1911	
Morse, Albert W.	May 27, 1912	Dec. 10, 1913	
Mortimer, Clifford R.	e May 8, 1897; corp. 1899; Spanish War; sergt. Feb. 1901; d May 8, 1903.		
Mortimer, Paul W.	Feb. 9, 1905	Feb. 9, 1911 cpl., sgt.	
Murphy, William R.	June 18, 1901	June 18, 1903	
Murphy, Daniel A.	June 27, 1907	Jan. 10, 1908	
Muse, Edward J.	May 23, 1906	May 23, 1916	
Nichols, Amos C.	June 19, 1905	Aug. 10, 1909 cook	
Nichols, Louis I.	Feb. 9, 1903	June 10, 1908 cpl.	
Niles, John W.	Mar. 9, 1908	Dec. 10, 1909	
O'Brien, Edward P.	June 19, 1905	Aug. 10, 1905	
Oliver, Arthur G.	Apr. 24, 1902	Oct. 20, 1902	
	Sergt. in Regular Army, World War, overseas. Still in U. S. Service.		
Oliver, Frank C.	Oct. 3, 1910	Oct. 3, 1913	
O'Malley, Thomas P.	July 12, 1909	Jan. 29, 1910	

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O'Melia, Thomas	Mar. 14, 1910	Oct. 20, 1910	
O'Neill, John C.	June 18, 1911	June 18, 1914	
O'Neill, Joseph H.	Oct. 17, 1910	Oct. 17, 1914 cpl.	
Orde, Oakley A.	May 4, 1910	Feb. 25, 1911	
O'Rourke, Herbert J.	June 20, 1910	June 20, 1913	
Oxley, Charles A.	Mar. 16, 1903	Dec. 10, 1903	
Page, George C.	Oct. 26, 1903	June 9, 1906	
Parker, Charles J.	Mar. 11, 1907	Nov. 30, 1907	
Parker, Robert H.	July 12, 1909	Dec. 10, 1909	
Paon, Wilfred E.	Jan. 17, 1910	Jan. 17, 1913	
Patch, Chester C.	June 1, 1905	June 1, 1908	
Peterson, Christie	Apr. 4, 1902	May 5, 1903	
Phelan, William J.	July 12, 1909	July 12, 1912	
Prescott, George L.	Nov. 20, 1909	Feb. 21, 1910	
Qualters, Joseph J.	May 4, 1908	May 4, 1912 cpl.	
Reid, George W.	e Jan. 21, 1895; 1911.	Spanish War; con. ser.; d Oct. 31, 1911.	
Reynolds, James F.	Mar. 3, 1902	Dec. 20, 1902	
Reynolds, Philip F.	June 13, 1903	Nov. 30, 1907	
	Served in Regular Army, Spanish War; served in British Army Overseas in World War.		
Rogers, Chester L.	e May 21, 1906; d Mar. 30, 1909.	Feb. 28, 1907; re Jan. 4, 1909; d Mar. 30, 1909.	
Roach, George A.	July 10, 1909	July 10, 1913	
Roberts, Richard H.	Apr. 18, 1901	Apr. 18, 1902	
Robinson, Alton T.	Dec. 30, 1915	June 20, 1916	
Ronan, J. Fred	e May 18, 1896; con. ser. to d Dec. 10, 1903, 1st sergt.	Spanish War; corp., sergt., 1899; 1903, 1st sergt.	
Ripley, Harry P.	Nov. 15, 1907	June 4, 1908	
Ruggles, Francis D.	Sept. 22, 1903	June 10, 1908	
Russell, Carl H.	June 19, 1905	Nov. 30, 1908	
Russell, Charles B.	May 4, 1908	May 4, 1911	
Russell, Harry F.	Oct. 12, 1904	Aug. 10, 1905	
Santos, Theodore	May 12, 1908	May 12, 1913	
Saterlay, Edward L.	Dec. 23, 1907	Oct. 29, 1910	
Schaedel, Charles S.	Dec. 29, 1902	Sept. 10, 1903	
Seabury, Edward M.	Jan. 27, 1913	Sept. 10, 1914	
Sedgley, Alton R.	e Mar. 4, 1895; continuous service; d Jan. 21, 1899; Spanish-American War; re Nov. 6, 1901; continuous service to June, 1907; Cpl., Sgt., 2nd Lt. Feb. 24, 1902. res. d June 1907.		
Sexton, Edward J.	Mar. 11, 1915	June 20, 1916	
	Served in World War in 26th Division Overseas. Seriously wounded.		
Shanahan, Daniel W.	July 3, 1902	July 3, 1903	
Shanahan, John D.	Sept. 11, 1911	Aug. 9, 1912	
Shea, Daniel W.	May 15, 1911	July 26, 1913	
Singer, Irving C.	May 15, 1911	June 23, 1915	
Skellings, Walter J.	Mar. 11, 1907	Jan. 10, 1908	
Sliney, Edmund C.	June 18, 1901	July 20, 1901	
	Served Overseas as Chaplain in World War.		
Sliney, John D.	Oct. 30, 1909	Feb. 19, 1910	
Smith, William H.	June 24, 1907	Feb. 10, 1908	
Smith, Percy M.	Nov. 11, 1901	May 20, 1902	
Smith, Edward E.	Apr. 11, 1916	June 20, 1916	
Spear, Howard W.	Oct. 31, 1908	July 15, 1910	
Sproul, Walter R.	June 3, 1901	Dec. 20, 1902	
Stanley, William J.	Oct. 17, 1910	Oct. 20, 1910	
Stark, Edwin J.	Aug. 4, 1902	Nov. 10, 1915 cpl., sgt., 1st sgt.	
Stevens, Thomas W.	Oct. 31, 1908	Oct. 31, 1913	
Stevenson, Eben J.	May 10, 1904	Feb. 10, 1909	
Stewart, Harry W.	Oct. 1, 1904	Oct. 1, 1907 cpl.	
Stimpson, Parker	June 23, 1913	Dec. 10, 1913	
Stock, George	Sept. 28, 1903	Feb. 10, 1904	
Stone, Henry L.	Nov. 17, 1902	June 10, 1904	
Stone, Ward E.	July 12, 1909	Oct. 30, 1914	
Stuart, Harry W.	Oct. 1, 1907	Nov. 30, 1908	
Sullivan, Arthur J.	May 18, 1903	May 18, 1913	
Sullivan, Charles J.	Feb. 18, 1901	Dec. 20, 1902	
Sullivan, Daniel	Oct. 31, 1906	Oct. 31, 1909	

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Sullivan, Frank R.	Feb. 1, 1915	July 1, 1916	
Sullivan, Timothy J.	June 24, 1907	Jan. 10, 1908	
Sweeney, Eugene	May 21, 1908	May 21, 1911	
Sweetser, Walter I.	e June 6, 1892; con. ser.; Spanish War; cpl. sgt; d Mar. 28, 1914. Served in Regular Army, Overseas, World War.		
Tompson, William R.	Apr. 24, 1902	Apr. 24, 1905	
Twombly, Albert L.	Oct. 17, 1910	Aug. 10, 1911	
Upton, Joshua D.	June 30, 1903	July 28, 1909	
Vose, Charles A.	Oct. 6, 1902	May 29, 1903	
Walker, Everett E.	Jan. 5, 1903	Dec. 30, 1904	
Walsh, Maurice F.	June 20, 1910	Jan. 20, 1912	
Walsh, Thomas W.	June 20, 1910	Aug. 4, 1915	
Watts, John W.	June 8, 1906	Feb. 28, 1907	
Webber, Charles	June 25, 1912	July 19, 1913	
Whall, Thomas J.	Feb. 26, 1903	June 9, 1906	
Wheeler, Fenwick E.	Mar. 11, 1907	Mar. 30, 1909	
Wheeler, Frank McC.	June 18, 1911	Aug. 9, 1912	
Wheeler, William J.	May 10, 1904	Sept. 30, 1907	
Whitney, Albert E.	Dec. 28, 1903	Sept. 30, 1904	
Whitney, James T.	June 19, 1905	Jan. 20, 1906	
Whitney, Joseph F.	Dec. 29, 1913	Sept. 10, 1914	
Whitney, William D.	June 2, 1913	Feb. 19, 1916	
Whittle, John A.	May 8, 1902	May 8, 1903	
Wiggin, Samuel F.	May 18, 1903	Dec. 10, 1903	
Wiley, Fred B.	Dec. 23, 1912	Mar. 20, 1914	
Williams, Frank L.	Oct. 21, 1907	Apr. 10, 1908	
Wilson, Frank	Oct. 6, 1902	Feb. 10, 1903	
Wittekind, Arthur	Feb. 12, 1906	Aug. 30, 1907	
Wood, Frank J.	Jan. 17, 1910	Jan. 17, 1913	
Woodward, Roy M.	Oct. 26, 1903	Oct. 10, 1904	
Wrenn, P. Francis	Oct. 3, 1910	June 30, 1913	

OMISSION

The name of Cpl. Philip J. McCook was unintentionally omitted from the 50th anniversary volume roster of Co. A, 6th Rgt. Cpl. McCook served in the Spanish War. During the World War he served in the Judge Advocate's Dept., as Major. He was severely wounded during Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Major McCook is now (1926) a judge in the New York Supreme Court.

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Company A During World War

In order to save repetition all names followed by "26th" were members of the 26th Division which left for overseas from Sept. 7, 1917, to Oct. 8, 1917, and landed in France Sept. 21, to Oct. 28, 1917. Returned to U. S. April, 1919.

Sectors and Battles of the 26th Div.—Chemin des Dames, Toul (Boucq and La Reine), Pas Fini, Chateau Thierry Offensive (second battle of the Marne), St. Mihiel Offensive, Rupt and Troyon, Neptune and Meuse—Argonne Offensive. Abbreviations—com., Commissioned

con. ser., continuous service

d, discharged

e, enlisted

re, re-enlisted

trans, transferred

wd, wounded; men gassed were casualties and were awarded

Wound Stripes.

- Bauman, John T.—e Mar. 31, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Barry, Augustine C.—e Nov. 23, 1915; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Baxter, Augustus D.—e Aug. 4, 1902; con. ser.; cpl., sgt., 1st sgt.; trans. 4th Pioneers overseas Sept. 23; trans. 40th Div. October; returned U. S. April, 1919; d April, 1919.
- Beane, Raymond E.—e Dec. 30, 1915; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Beebe, John H., Jr.—e Oct. 27, 1915; trans. 101st Eng. Aug. 30, 1917; trans. to 101st Inf., 1918; gassed October, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Beeler, Cornelius H.—e Feb. 19, 1915; trans. 104th Inf., Aug. 28, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Behrle, Joseph F.—e Nov. 6, 1916; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; gassed July, 1918; cpl; d. June 16, 1919. 26th.
- Better, Edward F., Jr.—e Nov. 23, 1915; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; severely wounded June, 1918; cpl., sgt., 1st sgt.; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Bishop, Harry—e Mar. 31, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Blanchard, Leon A.—e Mar. 29, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police, Aug. 21, 1917; trans. Co. E, 104th Inf. May, 1918; severely wounded May, 1918; d Mar. 6, 1919. 26th.
- Brockbank, Gray B.—e Nov. 23, 1915; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July 23, 1918; cpl., graduated Army Candidates School, France; com. 2nd Lt. Reserve Corps March, 1919; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Brockbank, John C.—e May 27, 1912; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; wounded September, 1918; killed in action Bois d'Haumont Oct. 17, 1918; cpl. 26th.
- Brown, James G.—e Dec. 14, 1914; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; com. 2nd Lt. and assigned Co. A, 126th Inf., 32nd Div.; severely wounded October, 1918; cpl., sgt., 1st sgt., 2nd lt.; d Jan. 18, 1919. 26th.
- Buckley, Joseph J.—e May 10, 1904; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt. overseas Sept. 23; cook; died of disease on boat October, 1918.
- Burns, John T.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; died of disease, France, Sept. 27, 1918. 26th.
- Burns, Matthew J.—e June 15, 1910; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt. overseas Sept. 23, 1918; trans. 83rd Div.; cpl., sgt.; d July 15, 1919.
- Burns, William F.—e Mar. 16, 1914; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt. overseas Sept. 23, 1918; d July, 1919.
- Burrage, George A.—e Dec. 29, 1913; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; cpl., sgt.; d physical Nov. 15, 1917. 26th.
- Butler, John M.—e Feb. 19, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; cited in Div. orders; wounded July, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Byrnes, Fred H.—e Mar. 26, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d July, 1919. 26th.
- Cayting, Aubrey B.—e Dec. 29, 1913; d dependents, Apr. 30, 1917.
- Cayting, Hayward C.—e June 4, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; d April, 1919. 26th.
- Champagne, Frank L.—e Apr. 5, 1909; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; cpl.; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Cheever, Carl I.—e October 30, 1909; trans. 101st Tr. Hq. & Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; mus., cpl.; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Collins, James—e May 23, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; wounded October, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.

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- Connelly, Edward J.—e May 12, 1898, Co. A, 6th Mass. U. S. Vol.; Spanish-American War; in action at Quánica, Porto Rico, July 26, 1898; mus. out Jan. 21, 1899; re Feb. 20, 1899; con. ser. to May 20, 1919; military instructor Stoneham High School four years; cpl., sgt., 1st sgt.; 2nd lt. June 10, 1907; 1st lt. Nov. 22, 1909; capt. Sept. 21, 1914; U. S. service Apr. 6, 1917; trans. Capt. Co. G, 104th Inf. Sept. 30, 1917; overseas Oct. 3, 1917 to Apr. 4, 1919; 1st Corps School (Tactical) June 8 to July 8, 1918; assigned instructor 92nd Div. to Aug. 28, 1918; Adjutant 104th Inf. to Sept. 30, 1918; com. Major, 104th Inf. date of Sept. 13, 1918 and assigned 1st Bn. Battles and Sectors—Chemin des Dames, Boucq, Toul, Bois Brule, (Apremont), St. Die (92nd Div.), St. Mihiel Offensive, Rapt, Troyon, Neptune, Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Severely wounded in action Nov. 10, 1918, at Ville Devant Chaumont; Base Hospital No. 114 Bordeaux to Dec. 20; returned to 104th Inf., assigned to 1st Bn.; d May 20, 1919. Twice recommended for Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action; awarded Croix de Guerre and citation of French 32nd Army Corps for gallantry at Apremont; twice cited Div. orders; cited in G. H. Q. Citation Orders No. 1; U. S. Army Citation signed by Gen. Pershing; awarded Silver Star citation U. S. Army for gallantry in action Nov. 10, 1918; awarded Croix de Guerre citation diploma from French government, Dec. 22, 1925; awarded U. S. Accolade for wounded soldiers. 26th.
- Coombs, Carl L.—e June 4, 1917; trans. 104th Inf Aug. 28, 1917; killed in action Oct. 16, 1918. 26th.
- Comey, Francis W.—e June 26, 1916; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; trans. to 26th Div. Supply Train; cpl.; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Coreoran, Thomas F.—e Dec. 14, 1914; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt February, 1918; trans. Prisoner of War Co. overseas Sept. 23, 1918; cpl., sgt.; d July, 1919.
- Creedon, Charles E.—e June 14, 1915; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt February, 1918; trans. 1st Anti-Aircraft M. G. Bn overseas May, 1918; Co. clerk, cpl., sgt., Bn. sgt., major.; d May 23, 1919.
- Creedon, Jeremiah E.—e May 18, 1906; trans. Plattsburg School for Officers; com. 2nd lt. Aug. 15, 1917; trans. 151st Depot Brigade; com. 1st lt. Aug. 14, 1918; cpl., sgt., 2nd lt., 1st lt.; d Feb. 18, 1919.
- Crocker, Donald G.—e Apr. 18, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; severely wounded July, 1918. 26th.
- Crowley, John J.—e June 26, 1916; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; wounded May, 1918; cpl.; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Cunning, Timothy E.—e June 14, 1915; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; killed in action Sept. 13, 1918. 26th.
- Davis, Harold F.—e May 27, 1912; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt. 2nd lt Aug. 8, 1918; overseas Sept. 23, 1918; trans. 331st Inf.; 2nd lt 305th Inf., 77th Div. Nov. 1, 1918; trans. 2nd lt 23rd Inf., 2nd Div. Nov. 14, 1918; cpl., sgt., 2nd lt.; d July 15, 1919.
- Derby, John W.—e Oct. 20, 1913; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d. Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- DeRoche, George B.—e Mar. 26, 1917; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; gassed Apr. 20, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Devlin, Charles M.—e June 2, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Devoe, William—e May 23, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Dillaway, George L.—e Apr. 11, 1917; d May to enter West Point; 2nd lt. November, 1918; 1st lt January, 1920; cpl., 2nd lt., 1st lt.; d Nov. 1, 1920.
- Dillaway, Manson M.—e June 26, 1916; trans. to Aviation Section; cpl., 2nd lt.
- Dingle, Arthur L.—e Aug. 16, 1916; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Donegan, John P.—e June 4, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; killed in action Oct. 16, 1918. 26th.
- Doucette, Charles M.—e Feb. 4, 1915; d dependents Apr. 23, 1917.
- Doucette, Jeremiah W.—e Mar. 29, 1917; trans. 101st Eng. Aug. 30, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Doucette, John A.—e Mar. 26, 1914; d physical October, 1917.
- Doucette, John M.—e June 5, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Dubois, Victor A.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; awarded Distinguished Service Cross and citation and Croix de Guerre; wounded Oct. 23, 1918; cpl.; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Duggan, John P.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July 1918; killed in action Oct. 16, 1918; cpl. 26th.
- Dulong, Frank R.—e June 5, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.

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- Eastman, Ernest E.—e June 2, 1913; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; severely wounded July, 1918; epl. sgt., 1st sgt.; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Eaton, Nathan W., Jr.—e Apr. 6, 1917; trans. Co. G, 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; awarded Croix de Guerre and citation; wounded October, 1918; epl., sgt.; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Edgar, Brent M.—e Apr. 9, 1914; trans. Co. K, 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; epl.; d Jan. 2, 1919. 26th.
- Edwards, Fayette R.—e June 4, 1917; trans. 104th Inf., Aug. 28, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Evans, Frederick G.—e Oct. 31, 1908; con. ser. to Apr. 23, 1917; d to work for government; epl., sgt.
- Fairbanks, Ernest E.—e Mar. 29, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d July 12, 1919. 26th.
- Fall, William E.—e Mar. 23, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Fay, Edward M.—e May 20, 1915; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; wounded April, 1918; killed in action July, 1918. 26th.
- Ferrick, Joseph M.—e Mar. 29, 1917; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Ferrick, James F.—e May 29, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Findlay, James W.—e May 8, 1902; con. ser. to June 23, 1917; d for dependents; mus. cpl.
- Findlay, John, Jr.—e May 8, 1902; con. ser. to July, 1919; trans. 4th Pioneers February, 1918; overseas Sept. 23, 1918; trans. to 83rd Div.; trans. Army of Occupation, Germany; epl., sgt., mess sgt., 1st sgt., Bn. sgt., maj.; Regt. sgt. maj.; d July, 1919.
- Fish, Crowell G.—e Apr. 9, 1914; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; died from wounds July, 1918; epl. 26th.
- Flanders, Frank R.—Trans from Co. M, 6th Mass. Inf.; trans. to 104th Inf.; 1st lt. 26th.
- Forrest, William M.—e Mar. 26, 1917; trans. to 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Foster, Harold H.—e Sept. 30, 1904; con. ser. to Sept. 30, 1915; re Feb. 16, 1916; epl., cook; d dependents May 16, 1917.
- Fraughton, George P.—e Mar. 26, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. wounded July, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Galvin, Daniel H.—e Mar. 26, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; trans. back to Co. A, 6th Mass.; trans. 4th Pioneers' Regt. February 1918; overseas Sept. 23, 1918; trans. 330th Inf. 83rd Div.; bugler, sgt.; d Feb. 14, 1919.
- Gammons, Frank W.—e May 25, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; d July, 1919. 26th.
- Gerard, Stanley R.—e June 5, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Gersinovitch, Saul C.—e May 11, 1916; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt. Feb. 23, 1918; overseas Sept. 23, 1918; trans. to 83rd Div.; d July, 1919.
- Gibbons, John C.—e June 4, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 28, 1917; d July, 1919. 26th.
- Glynn, Charles M.—e Mar. 29, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; trans. to Pershing's Band; bugler; d April, 1919. 26th.
- Goodridge, Carl W.—e July 8, 1915; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; severely wounded Sept. 30, 1918; trans. 101st Field Signal Bn; epl., sgt.; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Goodwin, Albert C.—e May 28, 1915; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d July 3, 1919. 26th.
- Greenleaf, Harold H.—e May 29, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; wagoner; d July 3, 1919. 26th.
- Griffiths, Howard W.—e Oct. 21, 1912; d Oct. 21, 1915; re Nov. 6, 1916; d Apr. 23, 1917; dependents.
- Hale, Albert F.—e Mar. 31, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Hanright, Thomas E.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Harlow, Melvin H.—e Sept. 27, 1916; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; trans. 101st Eng.; cook; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Harper, Robert E.—e June 26, 1916; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Hatfield, George E.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; epl.; d Feb. 20, 1919. 26th.

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- Hawkes, Edgar B.—e May 8, 1902; con. ser. to August, 1919; 2nd Lt. Sept. 14, 1914; assigned 16th U. S. Inf. March, 1917 to June, 1917, at Mexican Border; trans. to 101st Tr. Hq. and Military Police Aug. 23, 1917; trans. to 103rd M. G. Co., 1st Lt.; trans. to 103rd Inf.; trans. 18th M. G. Battalion Army of Occupation, Germany; cpl., sgt., 1st sgt.; Regt. sgt. maj., 2nd Lt., 1st Lt.; d. Aug. 15, 1919. 26th.
- Heusinger, John N.—e Aug. 3, 1916; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d June 3, 1919. 26th.
- Heustis, George B.—e July 8, 1915; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; cpl., sgt.; wounded July, 1918; d July, 1919. 26th.
- Hickey, Edward E.—e May 12, 1908; con. ser. to Sept. 27, 1919; cpl., sgt., company clerk; com. 2nd Lt. Aug. 15, 1917; assigned Hq. Co., 303rd Inf.; com. 1st Lt. Dec. 31, 1917 and assigned Co. L, 303rd Inf.; overseas July 8, 1918, 76th Div.; assigned Div. Range Officer; trans. 163rd Inf., 41st Div., Nov. 12, 1918; trans. to R. R. and Claims Bureau, St. Aignon Area, Nov. 18, 1918; Town Major to Sept. 3, 1919; returned to U. S.; d Sept. 27, 1919.
- Hobby, Harry R.—e June 2, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Holden, Herbert W.—e Nov. 23, 1915; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt. February 1918; overseas Sept. 23, 1918; trans. 40th Div., 330th Inf. Oct., 1918; cpl., sgt.; d Apr. 17, 1919.
- Holoway, Percie U.—e Nov. 23, 1915; trans. 101st Supply Train; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Holt, Arthur R.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d July 3, 1919. 26th.
- Hubbard, Alfred H.—e May 12, 1914; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt. February, 1918; overseas Sept. 23, 1918; trans. 83rd Div. October, 1918; trans. 215th Prisoner of War Co.; cook, sgt.; d Sept. 21, 1919.
- Hurton, James F.—e June 7, 1917; d physical October, 1918.
- Hutchinson, Carl R.—e Mar. 31, 1917; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Jeffery, Charles J.—e May 20, 1915; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d April 29, 1919. 26th.
- Lane, Thomas J.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Latham, Edward C.—e July 28, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Lawlor, Frank E.—e Mar. 31, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d July 3, 1919. 26th.
- Lee, John J.—e July 8, 1915; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; awarded Croix de Guerre with Palm and citation and Div. citation; severely gassed October, 1918; cpl., sgt.; d Feb. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Lenners, Eugene J.—e June 4, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Little, Cyrus R.—e June 28, 1915; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; cpl., sgt.; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Loughlin, Patrick E.—e June 20, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d July, 1919. 26th.
- Lucey, Joseph A.—e May 26, 1917; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Luken, Lawrence A.—e Feb. 16, 1916; trans. 101st Am. Tr.; d April, 1919. 26th.
- Luken, Roy E.—e Nov. 23, 1915; trans. 102nd Inf.; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Malouson, Frank J.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Marchetti, Frank F.—e Feb. 17, 1917; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt. February, 1918; overseas Sept. 23, bug., cpl., sgt.; d Apr. 19, 1919.
- McCarthy, Frank E.—e June 26, 1916; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; gassed October, 1918; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- McCullough, John W.—e June 25, 1915; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; gassed Oct., 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- McGrath, John F.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded Oct. 16, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- McKenna, Robert B.—e June 7, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d July, 1919. 26th.
- McKenney, Frank L.—e May 29, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug 21, 1917; d July, 1919. 26th.
- McLaughlin, Andrew P.—e June 14, 1915; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; died from wounds Oct. 30, 1918; cpl. 26th.
- McMahon, John E.—e May 27, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.

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- McMaster, Henry—e May 8, 1917; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt. February, 1918; overseas Sept. 23, 1918; trans. 83rd Div. October, 1918; d May, 1919.
- McNally, James P.—e Mar. 26, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- McWhinnie, Ernest J.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; gassed October, 1918; d May 8, 1919. 26th.
- McWhinnie, Percy C.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d May 8, 1919. 26th.
- Melanson, Edward J.—e Mar. 26, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Mellen, Ernest E.—e June 4, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; d June 21, 1919. 26th.
- Melanson, Fred P.—e June 10, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; gassed July, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Meuse, Thomas E.—e Aug. 21, 1916; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; killed in action July, 1918. 26th.
- Mortimer, Harold E.—e Mar. 31, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d July, 1919. 26th.
- Murray, John T.—e Jan. 4, 1909; con. ser.; cpl., sgt.; d Apr. 23, 1917 to work for government.
- Neiss, Archie J.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; gassed July, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Nelson, Harry E.—e May, 23, 1917; trans. to 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; awarded Croix de Guerre (posthumous); cpl.; died from wounds Apr. 13, 1918. 26th.
- Nutile, Charles C.—e Aug. 3, 1916; trans. 102nd Inf.; detained in U. S.
- Oldfield, John W.—e May 29, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; d April 28, 1919. 26th.
- O'Neill, James D.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; d April 29, 1919. 26th.
- Palumbo, John—e June 4, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; gassed October, 1918; cpl.; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Perkins, George S.—e Mar. 26, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1918; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Philbrick, William A.—e May 3, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1918; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Preston, James A.—e June 6, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d July, 1919. 26th.
- Quinn, Thomas J.—e Apr. 10, 1914; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt. February, 1918; graduated 4th Officers Training School; cpl., sgt., com. 2nd Lt. Inf.; d Feb. 20, 1919.
- Reebenacker, Edward K.—e Mar. 31, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; d August, 1919. 26th.
- Reissle, Frederick K.—e June 2, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Rhodes, William H.—e May 29, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; severely wounded July, 1918; d 1918. 26th.
- Robertson, Herbert L.—e June 8, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d July 2, 1919. 26th.
- Rogers, Fred H.—e Aug. 19, 1901; con. ser. to Aug. 15, 1919; cpl., sgt.; 2nd Lt. Nov. 22, 1909; 1st Lt. Sept. 21, 1914; U. S. service Mexican Border, July to September, 1916; trans. to Co. M, 6th Mass. Inf. August, 1917; assigned Camp Quartermaster at Westfield, August, 1917; trans. 101st Ammunition Tr. overseas Oct. 3, 1917; com. Capt. June 3, 1918; Major Oct. 7, 1918; trans. 117th Am. Tr. 42nd Div. November, 1918; Army of Occupation, Germany; trans. 3rd Am. Tr. 3rd Div.; d Aug. 15, 1919. 26th.
- Sargent, George D.—e Nov. 23, 1915; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Seabury, Frank J.—e June 5, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Seabury, James S.—e June 5, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Seabury, William D.—e Mar. 16, 1914; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; d January, 1919. 26th.
- Seaman, Frank T.—e June 5, 1917; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Singer, Norman C.—e June 5, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; wounded July, 1918; severely wounded Sept. 15, 1918. 26th.
- Singer, Robert L.—e May 27, 1915; d physical Sept. 1, 1917.
- Stanley, Calvin R.—e Mar. 29, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; gassed July, 1918; severely wounded Nov. 10, 1918; d Jan. 24, 1919. 26th.

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- Stone, George W.—e June 1, 1905; con. ser.; d Feb. 10, 1909; re May 4, 1914; trans. 330th Inf. 83rd Div.; trans. 204th Prisoner of War Escort Co.; con. ser.; epl., sgt., 1st sgt.; d June 23, 1919.
- Stone, Otis L.—e May 24, 1913; con. ser.; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; awarded D. S. C. with citation, and Croix de Guerre with citation, for gallantry at Chateau Thierry Drive, also Division citation; epl.; d May 5, 1919. 26th.
- Stone, Roy P.—e June 5, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; killed in action July, 1918. 26th.
- Sullivan, William H.—e Mar. 31, 1917; d physical Sept. 1, 1917.
- Thompson, Clarence A.—e Jan. 14, 1915; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt.; com. 2nd Lt. overseas Sept. 23, 1918; epl., sgt., 2nd Lt.; d January, 1919.
- Toth, Stephen F.—e Aug. 2, 1916; trans. 101st Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Vallard, Wilfred A.—e May 28, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; died in hospital from disease January, 1919. 26th.
- Walsh, Arthur T.—e Sept. 21, 1914; trans. to 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; severely wounded Oct. 16, 1918; d 1919. 26th.
- Walsh, Patrick—e Mar. 26, 1917; trans. 102nd Inf. Sept. 3, 1917; d April 29, 1919. 26th.
- Walsh, Thomas F.—e May 27, 1915; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d Apr. 29, 1919. 26th.
- Weaver, Percy R.—e June 4, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; gassed Nov. 5, 1918; d May 2, 1919. 26th.
- Wenzel, William L.—e Mar. 29, 1917; trans. 104th Inf. Aug. 28, 1917; severely wounded July, 1918; epl., sgt.; d March, 1919. 26th.
- Wheeler, Sylvanus K.—e May 23, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d May, 1919. 26th.
- Widell, John M.—e Oct. 9, 1902; d Oct. 9, 1904; re Aug. 29, 1906; d Sept. 30, 1909; re Mar. 29, 1917; trans. 4th Pioneer Regt. February 1918; overseas Sept. 23, 1918; Co. I, 330th Regt., 83rd Div.; trans. Central Records office Chaumont and Bourges; Casual Co. 4444; epl., sgt.; d June 6, 1919.
- Williams, Alexander G.—e Oct. 27, 1915; trans. 101st Eng. Train Aug. 30, 1917; bug.; d May 20, 1919. 26th.
- Williams, George B.—e Mar. 31, 1917; trans. 101st Military Police Aug. 21, 1917; d May, 1919. 26th.
- Wright, Roy H.—e Sept. 27, 1916; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.
- Young, Percy—e May 8, 1917; trans. 101st Inf. Sept. 4, 1917; cited in Div. orders; epl.; d Apr. 28, 1919. 26th.

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Massachusetts State Guard Company H, 12th Regiment

Name	Enlisted	Discharged	Rank
Abbott, Arthur G.	June 20, 1917	Nov. 1, 1920	epl.
Andrews, George A.	Sept. 17, 1917	Sept. 17, 1919	
Arnold, Roger	July 7, 1919	July 7, 1920	
Atkinson, Robert C.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Bailey, Bert L.	June 20, 1917	Nov. 1, 1920	epl., 2d lt.
Batten, Raymond J.	July 17, 1919	Sept. 30, 1919	epl.
Baxter, Augustus M.	June 20, 1917	Mar. 10, 1919	sgt.
Baxter, John A.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Benjamin, Henry A.	June 20, 1917	Feb. 28, 1919	
Bennett, Larkin E.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Blanchard, Leon A.	Sept. 13, 1919	Jan. 31, 1920	epl.
Bonney, Edwin T.	June 20, 1917	May 11, 1920	sgt., 1st sgt.
Boothby, Asa A.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1920	epl., sgt.
Branch, George E.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Bridge, Charles	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	epl., sgt.
Brindle, Paul E.	May 20, 1918	Mar. 10, 1919	
Brown, James E.	Dec. 3, 1917	Dec. 3, 1919	
Burns, James J.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Burns, James J.	June 20, 1919	June 20, 1920	
Carter, Albert H.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Chambers, James J.	July 14, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	
Chandler, Leon L.	Dec. 9, 1918	May 1, 1920	epl., sgt.
Clemons, Harry E.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	sgt., sup. sgt.
Clines, Thomas J.	July 14, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	
Collins, Christopher F.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	epl., sgt.
Colpitts, William B.	Apr. 1, 1918	Apr. 1, 1920	cook
Coffin, Harold F.	Apr. 20, 1920	Nov. 1, 1920	
Collins, Albert H.	Apr. 20, 1920	Nov. 1, 1920	
Curtis, Harold W.	Oct. 29, 1917	Mar. 1, 1918	
Curtis, Harold W.	Sept. 12, 1919	Mar. 18, 1920	
Curtis, Percy W.	Mar. 25, 1919	Mar. 25, 1920	
Davis, Thomas F.	June 20, 1917	July 18, 1918	
Day, Maurice H.	Sept. 14, 1919	May 1, 1920	
DeCecca, James	July 14, 1919	July 14, 1920	
Dellinger, Raymond P.	Apr. 22, 1918	Apr. 22, 1920	
Deveau, John R.	July 16, 1919	July 16, 1920	
DiGiacomantonio, Arthuro	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Dingle, Albert J.	July 18, 1919	July 18, 1920	
Dingle, Albert J.	July 18, 1920	Nov. 1, 1920	
Dolbeare, Richard B.	July 18, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	bglr
Douglas, Leo F.	July 17, 1919	Sept. 17, 1919	
Downing, John L.	Aug. 28, 1917	Nov. 1, 1920	1st lt., capt.
Draper, James H.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Draper, Reuben F.	July 7, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	epl., sgt.
Edgett, Harold J.	May 13, 1918	May 13, 1920	
Eldridge, Christopher H.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Esner, Israel	June 20, 1917	Nov. 1, 1920	
Feindel, Henry A.	June 20, 1917	Feb. 14, 1920	sgt., 1st sgt., 2d lt.
Feindel, William B.	Aug. 28, 1917	Feb. 14, 1920	2d lt., 1st lt.
Previous service, e Co. A May 12, 1893; re Apr. 25, 1898; Spanish War; mustered out Jan. 21, 1899; re Oct. 26, 1900; d Nov. 30, 1900.			
Fish, Roger B.	Nov. 4, 1918	Sept. 9, 1919	
Frizzell, Ernest L.	July 19, 1919	July 19, 1920	
Foley, John J.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Fuller, Myrton	June 16, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	epl.
Gambale, Carmenuccio	Sept. 26, 1919	Oct. 10, 1919	
Gerrior, Lloyd C.	Sept. 23, 1919	Nov. 15, 1919	
Gibbons, Thomas J.	Sept. 16, 1919	Oct. 10, 1919	
Gordon, Harry S.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	epl., mess sgt.
Grattan, George S.	June 20, 1917	Nov. 1, 1920	cook
Haggerty, Philip J.	July 16, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	
Haley, John J.	June 20, 1917	Jan. 31, 1920	epl.
Hancock, Herbert D.	Sept. 13, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	
Hanright, Frank R.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Hanson, Frederick H.	Oct. 29, 1917	Apr. 30, 1918	
Harris, John P.	Sept. 13, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	epl.

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Name	Enlisted	Discharged	Rank
Hazel, Alfred H.	July 16, 1919	Apr. 8, 1920	cpl.
Hitchcock, Edward S.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Holmes, Alvin D.	June 20, 1917	Dec. 20, 1917	
Ingerston, David F.	Sept. 16, 1919	Sept. 16, 1919	
Jones, Arthur C.	Oct. 29, 1917	Oct. 29, 1919	cpl.
King, J. Walter	June 17, 1920	Nov. 1, 1920	
Knox, William E.	June 20, 1917	May 1, 1920	
LaFave, Arthur J.	July 14, 1919	Sept. 9, 1919	
LaFave, Louis J.	July 14, 1919	July 14, 1920	
Lee, George W.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Libby, Samuel A.	June 20, 1917	Nov. 1, 1920	cpl., sgt., mess sgt.
Low, Louis F.	June 20, 1917	Apr. 30, 1918	
MacRae, Walter S.	July 16, 1919	July 16, 1920	
Magee, Andrew A.	June 20, 1917	Jan. 25, 1918	
Maloney, Walter V.	July 14, 1919	July 14, 1920	
McGonigle, Stephen J.	July 16, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	
Marion, Francis H.	Aug. 28, 1917	Feb. 14, 1920	sgt., 2d lt.
Meuse, Edward J.	July 18, 1919	July 18, 1920	
Meuse, Edward J.	July 18, 1920	Nov. 1, 1920	
Muise, Arthur J.	July 16, 1919	July 16, 1920	
McCallum, Guy	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
McDuffee, Edwin	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
McMahon, John H.	June 20, 1917	Oct. 1920	
Menadue, Sidney J.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	cpl.
Monighan, Joseph M.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Morgan, Henry J.	Nov. 5, 1917	July 22, 1918	
Murphy, Paul	July 16, 1919	July 16, 1920	
Murphy, William J.	June 20, 1917	Oct. 12, 1918	
Muse, Arthur	Sept. 29, 1919	Oct. 10, 1919	
Muse, J. Arthur	June 17, 1920	Nov. 1, 1920	
Muse, John W.	Sept. 17, 1917	Nov. 1, 1920	cpl.
Muse, Louis	Apr. 26, 1920	Nov. 1, 1920	
Muse, Thomas W.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Nelson, Frank A.	Sept. 23, 1919	Sept. 23, 1920	
Nelson, Walter P.	July 15, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	cpl.
O'Neil, George M.	June 30, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	
Owler, Thomas D.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	cpl.
Palumbo, Antonio	Feb. 24, 1919	Feb. 24, 1920	
Parker, Samuel T.	June 20, 1917	Jan. 25, 1918	
Pendergrace, Edward H.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Perry, Prosper R.	Nov. 12, 1917	Nov. 1, 1920	
Peterson, Carl G.	Nov. 12, 1919	July 7, 1920	cpl.
Porter, Leander B.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	sgt.
Reardon, John	June 14, 1920	Nov. 1, 1920	
Reid, Henry K.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1920	cpl., sgt.
Reid, James R.	June 20, 1917	Dec. 20, 1917	
Reid, John A.	Sept. 15, 1920	Nov. 1, 1920	cpl.
Reynolds, Philip F.	Oct. 11, 1919	Oct. 11, 1920	sgt.
Richard, Charles W.	July 14, 1919	July 14, 1920	
Richard, Charles W.	July 14, 1920	Nov. 1, 1920	
Robinson, William E.	Sept. 10, 1917	Sept. 10, 1920	
Rogers, Clarence A.	July 16, 1919	Apr. 8, 1920	
Rowe, Leon C.	Oct. 3, 1917	May 8, 1920	
Ruggles, George E.	June 20, 1917	Apr. 30, 1918	
Russell, Harry A.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	
Ryland, Herbert J.	Sept. 1, 1917	Sept. 1, 1920	bgIr.
Salvati, Arnold T.	Sept. 13, 1919	Jan. 31, 1920	
Sawyer, Walter W.	Sept. 17, 1919	Mar. 18, 1920	
Scott, James W., Jr.	June 20, 1917	Feb. 14, 1919	
Scott, William D.	Sept. 13, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	bgIr.
Simonds, Harry A.	June 20, 1917	June 20, 1919	cpl.
Singer, Archie	Sept. 13, 1919	Sept. 13, 1920	
Skulley, Gerald F.	July 14, 1919	July 7, 1920	
Smith, Charles	Sept. 24, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920	
Smith, Howard H.	July 14, 1919	July 14, 1920	
Smith, James D.	June 20, 1917	Nov. 1, 1920	cpl., 1st lt.
Soteriades, George T.	Oct. 29, 1917	Oct. 29, 1919	cpl.
Sproul, Charles G.	Sept. 1, 1917	Dec. 20, 1917	
Stafford, John C.	June 20, 1917	Nov. 29, 1918	
Stoddard, Frank B.	June 20, 1917	Mar. 1, 1918	
Stone, Walter H.	Oct. 29, 1917	Dec. 24, 1918	

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Sullivan, Christopher P.	July 16, 1919	Mar. 18, 1920
Surrette, Edmund L.	Sept. 13, 1919	Sept. 13, 1920
Terravecchia, Charles	July 14, 1919	July 14, 1920
Toth, Frank J.	June 20, 1917	Apr. 30, 1918
Vedito, Wendell	July 14, 1919	July 14, 1920
Vining, Philip B.	June 17, 1918	July 19, 1919
Wakefield, Cyrus, Jr.	July 16, 1919	Oct. 27, 1919
Wallace, Frederick E.	Sept. 1, 1917	Nov. 29, 1918 cpl.
Walsh, William J.	Feb. 24, 1919	Feb. 24, 1920
Waterhouse, George L.	June 24, 1918	July 19, 1919
White, Henry G.	July 15, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920
Whitney, Arthur G.	July 15, 1918	Nov. 1, 1920 cpl., sup. sgt.
Wiley, Herbert B.	June 20, 1917	Feb. 5, 1919
Wiley, Louis P.	Dec. 2, 1918	July 19, 1919
Winegen, Frank	Sept. 13, 1919	Nov. 1, 1920
Wood, David E.	June 16, 1919	June 16, 1920

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Company E, 182nd Infantry

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Name	Enlisted	Discharged	Rank
Anderson, Harold	Dec. 9, 1920	Feb. 23, 1922	
Bannon, Edward W.	Nov. 7, 1921	Nov. 6, 1924	
Bannon, John T.	June 11, 1920	July 13, 1924	
Barrett, James T.	Sept. 8, 1924	Still in service cpl.	
Barrett, Joseph T.	Sept. 23, 1920	June 28, 1921	
Bartlett, Paul W.	May 28, 1920	May 28, 1923 cpl.	
Beane, Raymond J.	June 11, 1920	June 10, 1921 sgt.	
Beebe, John H., Jr.	Nov. 26, 1920	July 10, 1922 2d lt.	
Behrle, Albert	Oct. 1, 1923	Jan. 9, 1925	
Belghley, John C.	Sept. 24, 1920	Apr. 6, 1921	
Bennett, Elmer F.	Nov. 13, 1924	Still in service	
Berry, Albert L.	June 3, 1920	Jan. 12, 1923	
Berry, Roger C.	July 1, 1924	Jan. 18, 1925	
Bird, Edward F.	Jan. 30, 1921	Mar. 2, 1925 mech.	
Bird, Edward F., Jr.	Mar. 3, 1925	Mar. 3, 1926	
Bird, Harry H.	Oct. 18, 1920	Oct. 17, 1923 mess sgt.	
Boudreau, Louis A.	June 3, 1920	June 2, 1921	
Bourne, Osgood W.	Nov. 13, 1923	July 27, 1923	
Bowdren, McDough J.	Feb. 24, 1922	Apr. 11, 1922	
Bowdren, Vincent R.	Jan. 3, 1921	Jan. 2, 1924	
Brockbank, Wm. F.	July 3, 1922	July 3, 1925 cpl.	
Brown, James G.	Sept. 9, 1920	Dec. 13, 1922 1st lt.	
Brown, William D.	Oct. 24, 1921	Jan. 12, 1923	
Brown, William D.	Aug. 3, 1923	Dec. 15, 1923	
Burbine, Joseph J.	June 3, 1920	Feb. 23, 1922	
Cameron, David E.	Jan. 28, 1924	Still in service	
Cavaleri, Paul	June 2, 1924	Still in service	
Chambers, James J.	Sept. 27, 1920	June 13, 1924 1st sgt.	
Chambers, James J.	Dec. 1, 1924	July 3, 1925 1st sgt.	
Cheever, Carl I.	Dec. 6, 1920	Still in service 1st lt.	
Clark, John	July 2, 1923	Dec. 15, 1923	
Clem, George M.	June 3, 1920	Feb. 1, 1921	
Connell, Joseph J.	Nov. 15, 1920	Nov. 14, 1923	
Cotting, Merrill P.	June 10, 1920	July 1, 1922 cpl.	
Cottreau, Charles A.	Feb. 4, 1924	Feb. 27, 1925	
Cottreau, Clifford J.	Feb. 11, 1924	Still in service	
Cottreau, John C.	June 16, 1924	Still in service	
Crowley, John J.	June 3, 1920	June 2, 1921	
Cucunullo, Charles	June 2, 1924	Still in service	
Cushing, Ernest E.	Sept. 15, 1924	Still in service	
Cushing, Raymond W.	Apr. 1, 1924	Still in service	
Daley, John J.	Apr. 12, 1926	June 11, 1926	
Davis, Merton E.	Oct. 26, 1925	Still in service	
Davis, Ramon C.	Jan. 14, 1924	June 20, 1924	
Dellarocco, Elmer	Nov. 15, 1920	Feb. 10, 1922	
Denley, Roy L.	Mar. 12, 1923	Still in service cpl.	
DeMarco, Fred	May 15, 1922	Sept. 27, 1923	
D'Entremont, Augustin A.	Sept. 17, 1923	Jan. 8, 1925	
Deveau, John R.	Mar. 14, 1921	Mar. 13, 1925	
Dingle, John T.	Feb. 14, 1921	July 30, 1926 1st sgt.	
Dolbear, Richard B.	Sept. 17, 1923	Still in service 1st sgt.	
Doucette, Fred J.	Dec. 18, 1920	Dec. 17, 1923	
Doucette, Joseph C.	Sept. 23, 1920	Feb. 23, 1922	
Doucette, Leo J.	July 2, 1923	Dec. 15, 1923	
Doucette, Harold A.	Sept. 30, 1920	Feb. 23, 1922	
Doucette, Louis H.	Oct. 21, 1920	Oct. 20, 1923	
Draper, Reuben F.	June 27, 1921	Oct. 28, 1921	
Ducharme, Albert F.	Nov. 17, 1924	Mar. 16, 1926	
Dulong, Albennie J.	Nov. 20, 1922	Nov. 20, 1925	
Dulong, James L.	July 7, 1923	Jan. 10, 1924	
Dulong, Louis J.	Dec. 30, 1920	Apr. 6, 1921	
DuPont, Foster	Dec. 20, 1920	Feb. 23, 1922	

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Dyer, George H.	Jan. 4, 1923	Jan. 9, 1925
Eastman, Ernest R.	Oct. 17, 1921	Oct. 16, 1922
Fay, George J.	June 3, 1920	Apr. 6, 1921
Feindel, Abbott	Sept. 13, 1923	June 20, 1924 cpl.
Flint, Alvin L.	Dec. 22, 1921	Mar. 24, 1922
Foley, William F.	Oct. 26, 1920	Apr. 6, 1921
Foss, Benjamin D., Jr.	June 18, 1923	June 17, 1926
Franklin, Neil	May 10, 1926	Still in service cpl.
Fraughton, George P.	June 3, 1920	June 3, 1923 sgt.
French, John	Mar. 1, 1926	June 11, 1926
Gallagher, Francis W.	Sept. 18, 1924	Still in service
Galvin, Daniel H.	June 3, 1920	July 31, 1926 cpl.
Garland, Raymond L.	July 2, 1924	Feb. 26, 1925
Gerrior, Hilton M.	Nov. 8, 1920	Jan. 12, 1923
Gerry, Frank V.	July 8, 1925	Still in service bgldr
Gibbs, Robert P.	July 2, 1923	Dec. 15, 1923
Glynn, Charles M.	Dec. 20, 1920	April 6, 1921
Goodwin, George D.	Dec. 27, 1920	June 28, 1921
Gould, Frank J.	Oct. 5, 1925	Still in service cpl.
Greenleaf, Harold A.	June 3, 1920	July 27, 1921 sup. sgt.
Hackett, Frank H., Jr.	Dec. 20, 1920	Dec. 30, 1921
Haggerty, Philip J.	Nov. 18, 1920	Nov. 17, 1923
Hall, George W.	June 27, 1921	Still in service cpl.
Hall, Philip G.	Sept. 23, 1920	July 6, 1923
Hall, William A.	Sept. 28, 1920	Jan. 28, 1921
Halloran, George E.	June 3, 1920	July 27, 1921
Hanright, Hubert H.	Feb. 14, 1921	Oct. 14, 1921
Harlow, Melburn N.	Jan. 14, 1921	Apr. 6, 1921
Hathaway, James J.	June 11, 1923	June 10, 1926 cook
Hopkins, John W.	May 28, 1923	May 27, 1926
Hoyte, Paul A.	Dec. 5, 1921	Apr. 11, 1922
Hubbard, Fred J.	June 11, 1920	Jan. 28, 1921
Huestis, Charles A.	Jan. 30, 1922	June 15, 1923
Ingerton, David F.	Sept. 28, 1920	Feb. 23, 1922
Jacobs, John R.	Feb. 26, 1925	Still in service
Johnson, Robert E.	Jan. 14, 1921	Oct. 14, 1921
Keating, Joseph P.	Sept. 23, 1920	Apr. 6, 1921
Kelly, Charles J.	June 3, 1920	Feb. 23, 1922
Kenney, William J.	Dec. 9, 1920	Apr. 6, 1921
King, Joseph W.	Sept. 23, 1920	Sept. 22, 1923
Kivel, Joseph F.	Nov. 21, 1921	Nov. 20, 1925
LaBlanc, Everett H.	Oct. 19, 1920	Oct. 18, 1923
LaFave, Jeffrey J.	Mar. 10, 1921	Mar. 9, 1924
LaFave, Lawrence J.	Mar. 13, 1922	Mar. 13, 1926 cpl.
LeBlanc, Willard G.	Mar. 10, 1921	Mar. 9, 1924
Leone, Guidino	Sept. 24, 1923	Still in service
Leone, Sabistino S.	Sept. 18, 1924	Still in service
Lilley, Charles B.	July 2, 1923	Dec. 15, 1923
Lilley, Harry F.	July 2, 1923	Dec. 15, 1923
Lloyd, Ralph T.	May 10, 1926	Still in service
Lucey, Joseph A.	Sept. 23, 1920	Sept. 22, 1923
Luken, Roy E.	June 3, 1920	Sept. 28, 1923
Lux, Julius F.	Oct. 4, 1920	Oct. 3, 1923
Lyons, John J.	June 3, 1920	June 2, 1926 1st sgt.
Mahoney, Herbert P.	Dec. 10, 1923	Nov. 27, 1925
Malonson, Parker J.	June 9, 1924	Still in service
Marchetti, Frank F.	Sept. 9, 1920	Still in service 2d lt.
Marchetti, George L.	Sept. 16, 1920	June 22, 1923 bgldr
Marchetti, Hugo H.	Jan. 10, 1921	Jan. 9, 1924
Maroni, John D.	June 27, 1921	June 27, 1925 cpl.
Martin, John	July 8, 1925	Still in service cook
Martin, John E.	Nov. 13, 1922	Still in service cpl.
Martin, Paul M.	July 25, 1921	Oct. 14, 1921
Masse, Michele	June 21, 1924	Still in service
McClellan, William F.	Jan. 22, 1923	Feb. 26, 1925
McGill, James C.	July 2, 1923	Dec. 15, 1923
McGonigle, Stephen	Sept. 23, 1920	Sept. 22, 1923
McGuire, Herbert H.	July 25, 1921	July 3, 1922
Melanson, Harold J.	June 27, 1921	Still in service
Meredith, John F.	Oct. 5, 1925	Still in service sgt.
Meuse, Edward J.	Sept. 25, 1920	Sept. 24, 1925 sgt.
Maxwell, George J.	June 11, 1920	Apr. 6, 1921
Meuse, Frederick A.	Nov. 24, 1924	Still in service

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Meuse, Leo J.	Sept. 20, 1923	Mar. 16, 1926
Migliore, Rosario F.	June 2, 1924	Still in service
Mortimer, Clarence R.	Dec. 13, 1920	Apr. 6, 1921
Mortimer, Harry E.	Dec. 22, 1921	July 14, 1922
Moschella, Anthony	Jan. 19, 1925	Still in service
Millner, Leslie F.	Apr. 12, 1926	June 11, 1926
Muise, Benoit A.	Feb. 11, 1924	Still in service
Murphy, William A.	July 2, 1923	Dec. 15, 1923
Muse, Edward D.	Oct. 15, 1920	Jan. 28, 1921
Muse, Edward J.	July 2, 1923	Dec. 18, 1923
Muse, Joseph A.	Sept. 27, 1920	Jan. 12, 1923
Muse, William E.	Apr. 23, 1923	Apr. 23, 1926
Nazella, Joseph	Sept. 18, 1924	Still in service
Neiss, Archie J.	Mar. 7, 1921	June 1, 1921
Nelson, Frank A.	Sept. 23, 1920	Sept. 22, 1923
Nelson, Walter P.	Sept. 23, 1920	Feb. 23, 1922 cpl.
Northrup, Edward E.	Oct. 11, 1920	Mar. 25, 1921
O'Leary, John J.	Dec. 27, 1920	Still in service
Oxley, Charles A.	June 3, 1920	Jan. 28, 1921
Pasqualino, Philip P.	Mar. 13, 1922	July 21, 1924
Phelan, John J.	Mar. 20, 1922	Jan. 10, 1924
Phillips, Thomas H.	Mar. 1, 1926	June 11, 1926
Pizzano, Charles	Sept. 15, 1924	Still in service
Pizzano, Ernest E.	Sept. 6, 1923	Still in service
Pizzano, James	Nov. 20, 1922	May 4, 1923
Procurst, John	Nov. 27, 1923	Still in service
Quinn, Peter A.	Oct. 7, 1920	June 19, 1925
Quinn, Thomas J.	May 19, 1920	Still in service capt.
Rand, Ralph	Jan. 3, 1921	Feb. 23, 1922
Randell, Wyman S.	Aug. 1, 1925	Still in service cpl.
Reardon, Andrew M.	Jan. 20, 1921	July 3, 1925
Rich, Frank	Jan. 28, 1924	Still in service
Rich, Henry J.	Mar. 27, 1922	Mar. 27, 1925 sgt.
Richard, Charles W.	Jan. 22, 1923	Jan. 21, 1926 cpl.
Richard, Thomas	May 30, 1924	Still in service
Robbins, Frank J.	June 21, 1924	Still in service
Roby, Harry B.	Jan. 4, 1923	Still in service cook
Samuels, Ray F.	Nov. 20, 1922	Jan. 9, 1925 cpl.
Santore, Michael J.	June 26, 1922	June 15, 1923
Scott, William D.	Sept. 25, 1920	June 27, 1924 cpl.
Serrentino, Constantino	June 2, 1924	Still in service
Sheppard, Albert E.	Dec. 20, 1923	Still in service
Shaw, John T.	Dec. 15, 1924	Still in service
Smith, Charles W.	Sept. 25, 1920	Sept. 24, 1923 cpl.
Smith, Arthur J.	July 5, 1921	July 5, 1924 cook
Smith, Cyrus F.	Aug. 5, 1921	Aug. 4, 1924 cook
Smith, Frank J.	Nov. 8, 1920	June 29, 1923 sgt.
Smith, Howard H.	Sept. 27, 1920	Jan. 13, 1922
Smith, Martin S.	July 25, 1922	Jan. 8, 1925
Smith, Raymond J.	Oct. 23, 1922	Feb. 25, 1924 sgt.
Spadaforo, Robert J.	Sept. 16, 1920	Sept. 15, 1923
Stamagna, Angie J.	June 3, 1920	June 24, 1921
Storti, Joseph A.	Jan. 28, 1924	Still in service
Sullivan, Paul J.	Nov. 15, 1920	Nov. 14, 1925 sgt.
Sullo, Edward A.	Nov. 8, 1920	Nov. 7, 1923
Sweeney, William F.	Sept. 28, 1920	Nov. 10, 1921
Sweetman, William G.	Feb. 14, 1921	Jan. 27, 1922
Tenney, Leslie J.	Jan. 2, 1925	Still in service cpl.
Thompson, Clarence A.	May 19, 1920	Sept. 9, 1920 1st lt.
Thompson, Clarence A.	Oct. 22, 1923	Jan. 14, 1924
Todesco, Clement L.	Sept. 6, 1923	Still in service
Toth, Stephen F.	June 3, 1920	June 2, 1921
Tracey, William J.	Dec. 20, 1922	Dec. 5, 1921
Vielicks, Tony	Nov. 20, 1922	Still in service
Wade, Roy R.	Oct. 22, 1923	Still in service
Walsh, John F.	July 3, 1921	Feb. 23, 1922
Walsh, William J.	Jan. 3, 1921	Jan. 2, 1924 sup. sgt.
Waters, Andrew E.	Dec. 15, 1924	Still in service sgt.
Wells, Frank J.	June 26, 1922	June 29, 1923
Wengen, Frank J.	Nov. 18, 1920	Nov. 17, 1925 sgt.
Wenzel, J. Merritt	July 2, 1923	Still in service sgt.
Wheeler, Sylvanus K.	June 3, 1920	Nov. 10, 1921 1st sgt.
White, Henry C.	Feb. 28, 1921	Feb. 27, 1924 mess sgt.

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White, Walter C., Jr.	Nov. 12, 1924	Still in service sup. sgt.
Wood, Alfred E.	July 7, 1923	Jan. 10, 1924
Wood, Bertram	Jan. 25, 1926	Still in service
Wood, Theodore R.	Mar. 8, 1926	June 11, 1926
Woods, David S.	Dec. 6, 1920	Nov. 17, 1922
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